

## Christmas vigil by bomb squad

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## Heath visit to troops

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## Home Office pays £17,500 to man wrongfully jailed for five years

Mr Lisdo Virag, who was wrongfully jailed for five years, has been awarded £17,500, the largest ex-gratia payment ever made for wrongful imprisonment. Mr Virag said yesterday that he was disappointed with the offer and was accepting it reluctantly.

## 319 alleged victims of African ruler named

Refugees from the young African nation of Equatorial Guinea named a list here today of 319 persons who they say have been executed by order of President Francisco Macias Nguema.

## Strong powers proposed for Greek president

From Mario Modiano Athens, Dec 23. The Greek Government today constitutionally established a parliamentary republic under a president vested with broad executive and legislative powers, who is to be elected for a five-year term by a two-thirds majority of Parliament.

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## Ethiopian warning to people of Asmara

Addis Ababa, Dec 23.—Ethiopian military officers tonight called on the people of Asmara, the provincial Eritrean capital where fighting broke out last night between guerrillas and the Ethiopian Army, to throw the yoke of the town or face military action.

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## Pendil's target

Pendil, the country's leading steeplechaser, attempts to become the first horse to win the King George VI Steeplechase three times at Kempton Park on Boxing Day. Michael Phillips and Jim Snow preview eight holiday programmes, which are carried in full.

## Strike forces diversion

Christmas holidaymakers were diverted yesterday when more than two hundred flights and 10,000 passengers were diverted from Gatwick to Luton, due to a strike by British Airways ground crew.

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HOME NEWS

Farm men may call strikes and try to halt food deliveries

By Raymond Perman Labour Staff

Farmworkers' leaders may call for a campaign of selective strikes to win local pay improvements after yesterday's decision by the Agricultural Wages Board not to meet the demand for a £35 minimum weekly wage.

The board, increasing its previous offer of £27.80 minimum plus a threshold agreement, offered £28.50 from January 20, rising to £30.50 in July, but the rate was approved only on the vote of the five independent members.

Feelings over the wage award have been running high. Militant farmworkers from Kent protested outside the meeting yesterday, calling for a strike if the demands were not met.

The move to seek local topping-up of the national rate will be a fresh departure for the agricultural workers, who have previously relied on the board to raise earnings.

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Wife faces another charge at Guildford

Thirteen people were further remanded by Guildford magistrates yesterday in connection with bomb attacks on public houses at Guildford and Woolwich.

Two were charged with the murder of Gunner Richard Durne, aged 42, in the Woolwich attack, and the murder of a WRAC recruit, Miss Caroline Slater, aged 18, at Guildford.

They are: Paul Hill, aged 20, of Burnley Crescent, Belfast; and Patrick Armstrong, aged 24, of Algeron Road, Kilburn, London.

Six were charged with the Guildford murder. They are: Mrs Anne Maguire, aged 39, of Third Avenue, Paddington, London; John Joseph McGuinness, aged 20, of Rondon Road, Cricklewood, London; Brian Anderson, aged 22, also of Rondon Road; Paul Joseph Coleman, aged 18, of Algeron Road, Kilburn; Gerard Patrick Conlon, aged 20, of Cyprus Street, Belfast; and Carole Richardson, aged 17, of Earl's Court Square, London.

Four others were charged with possessing nitroglycerine in the Greater London area for unlawful purposes. They are: Mrs Maguire's husband, Patrick, aged 41; William Smyth, aged 36; Patrick O'Neill, aged 34, and Patrick Conlon, aged 51, all of Third Avenue, Paddington. Mrs Maguire also faces this charge.

Patrick Conlon was said to be too ill to attend court and was remanded in his absence.

One was charged with conspiring to cause explosions in the Greater London area. He is John Joseph Mullin, aged 22, of Rondon Road, Cricklewood.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted during the hearing, which was held in strict security. This is the first time that the addresses of the defendants have been disclosed.

Dartmoor carols cancelled

Plans for a carol concert inside Dartmoor prison yesterday were cancelled after a dispute involving prison officers.

Other Christmas activities inside the jail, which include the screening of two films, *The Ten Commandments* and *The Great Train Robbery*, are not expected to be affected.



O come, all ye faithful . . . Worcester Cathedral choir exhorting Christians at a carol service

Miners seek union overtime limit

Yorkshire miners are seeking guidance from their union's national executive on the amount of overtime they should work.

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the Yorkshire area of the National Union of Mineworkers, said yesterday that an executive recommendation that branches should determine their own amount of overtime was not acceptable.

"We feel the national executive should be more specific in respect of what they mean by a limit on the amount of overtime worked", he said.

Overtime had gone up from 8 per cent to 17.5 per cent since March, he said. Yorkshire miners were not calling for the banning of overtime, but were asking for a national policy, "not some wistful-wistful ideas, but specific guidelines".

A threat of industrial action by the Yorkshire miners over unworkable fuel allowances for retired miners and widows was lifted yesterday.

He said that if there was no satisfactory outcome, a resolution from Woolley colliery for industrial action would be resubmitted and supported.

British Airways asks for Laker Skytrain licence to be revoked

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

British Airways has asked the Civil Aviation Authority to revoke the licence the authority gave the independent Laker Airways two years ago to operate the walk-on Skytrain cheap fare service across the North Atlantic.

Announcing that last night, Mr David Nicolson, chairman of British Airways, justified the state corporation's decision by the fact that circumstances in the world air transport industry had changed greatly since the CAA first granted the Skytrain licence in September, 1972.

The volume of traffic had been falling, operating costs had risen, low-fare traffic was now provided for in other ways, and the Skytrain operation would "dump 250,000 seats on to a route where they are not needed".

British Airways sent a formal notification of its action to Mr Freddie Laker, chairman and owner of Laker Airways, who commented later: "I am confident that I shall be starting my new service in April."

Mr Laker first applied for the Skytrain licence with proposed fares of £32.50 single in the winter months between London and New York and £37.50 in summer. As a result of inflation, his latest proposed fares are £52 and £59 respectively.

Mr Nicolson pointed out yesterday that advance booking charter (ABC) fares now being operated by British Airways and the big American airlines across the North Atlantic cost £99 return in winter, £109 return in the spring and autumn, and £136 in summer, so that they are cheaper than Skytrain except in the peak travel period.

But whereas passengers would, under Mr Laker's scheme, be able to book on the day of travel by going to the airport, it is necessary to make a reservation at least two months ahead of the departure date under the ABC scheme.

The main worry of British Airways is plainly that if Skytrain receives permission from the United States Government to start it would cream off many passengers on a route where, this year, there were 7,500,000 empty seats, or the equivalent of 30 empty jumbo jets flying in each direction each day.

A second important consideration is that British Airways wishes to record its attitude before the inquiry into the future of British civil aviation recently established by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, begins its work.

Mr Nicolson made clear last night that it was likely that the airline would also ask for the revocation, at some time, of the North Atlantic licence held by the other big independent airline, British Caledonian.

Mr Nicolson said: "The critical situation now facing world air transport reinforces our view that if the British flag carrier is to remain strong we ought not to be expected to operate under the handicap of competing on the North Atlantic with other British airlines, as well as foreign ones."

Mr Laker said: "I welcome the BA Application, because I am looking for a reconfirmation of the Skytrain licence. This Government and the Americans have sat on it for nine years, doing nothing."

Christmas in prison for football supporter

A football supporter is kicked out with a steel capped boot at another spot during the Chelsea match against West Ham on Saturday when he will spend Christmas in Pentville prison.

Brian Marks, aged 22, electrician's mate, of Stephen's Road, East Ham, was remanded in custody yesterday until December 30 by London Magistrates' Court that he can be legally released.

He pleaded guilty to charges under the Public Order Act of using threatening language at Stamford Bridge ball ground.

Police Constable A. Wareham said Chelsea scored and rival support were about to fight. "I was thrown and I went the crowd", he said. "I leapt forward on the terrace and with my right hand I struck a steel capped boot and struck the persons there."

The officer said that arrested, Mr Marks was "My mate got it, so I went to look after him."

Mr Marks said the "crowd of blacks club my mate and I turned to him."

Remanding him, Mrs. Lowry, a magistrate said: "You have been dealt with a number of occasions with almost leniency. The time has come when leniency ended."

Two Chelsea football porters who were said to have caused a rival supporter a platform at Fulham railway station were each fined £25 by the court after pleading guilty to using abusive behaviour. A man aged 25 was fined £35 for an offence and magistrates adjoining room imposed fine on a man, aged 25, also admitted using abusive behaviour at the match.

MP in hospital

Mr J. P. W. M. Labour MP for Huddersfield East, has entered the Orthopaedic Centre, for treatment for spinal and has cancelled all engagements.

Duke on television

The Duke of Edinburgh appear in a special edition of the BBC television programme on New Year to mark the start of the year.

Talks on national papers dispute adjourned

By our Labour Staff Talks aimed at resolving the dispute between the National Graphical Association and the proprietors of national newspapers were adjourned yesterday for at least a week.

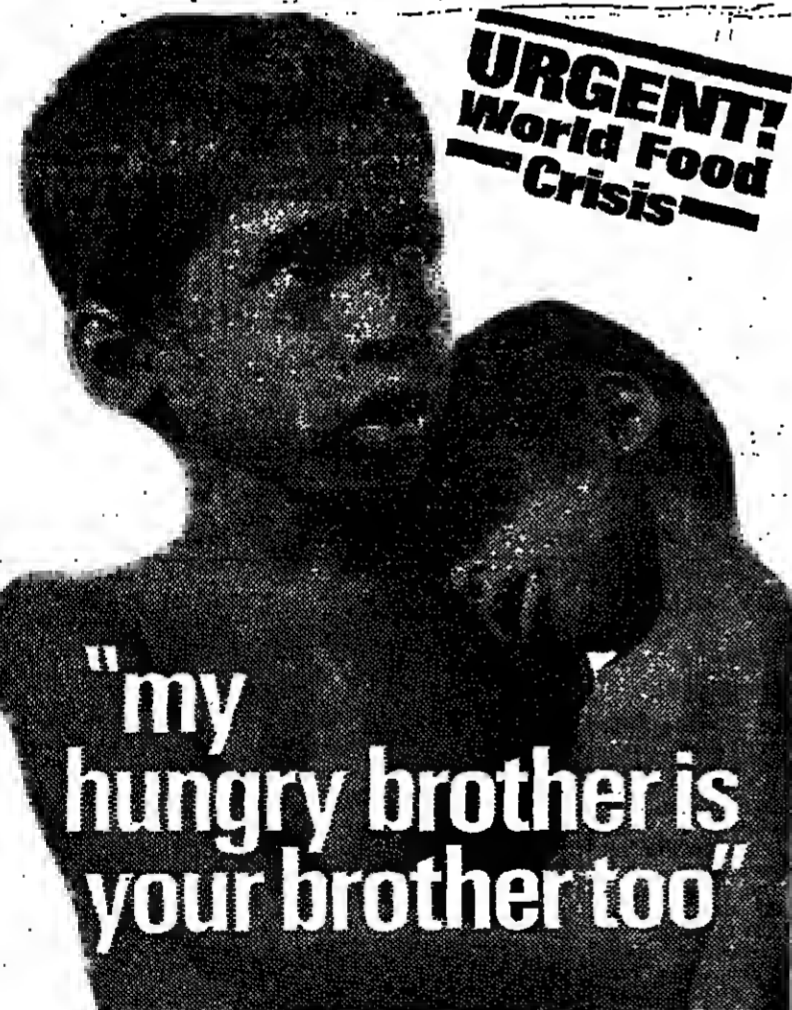
Mr Joseph Wade, assistant general secretary of the NGA, said: "We have made no significant progress over the past few days and my negotiating committee feel that they have got to take further briefing from the executive."

The talks started last Wednesday at the offices of the Conciliation and Arbitration Service. Mr Wade added that the union had been asked by Mr James Morrison, chairman of the CAS, not to resume industrial action while the talks were adjourned, and it was likely that they would agree.

Mr John LePage, labour secretary of the Newspaper Publishers' Association, said: "Endeavours to obtain a joint statement on procedure relating to the new agreement were adjourned pending a report back by the NGA negotiating committee to their executive council."

The dispute is over a 6 1/2 per cent pay offer, which has been accepted by five other unions in the industry. The production of nearly all national newspapers was disrupted by action by NGA members in the early part of last week, but the campaign was suspended on Thursday so that talks could reopen.

The NGA argues that by accepting the NPA offer it would lose some of the differential its members have over other printing workers.



URGENT! World Food Crisis

"my hungry brother is your brother too"

World food stocks are at their lowest since the end of the war. Inevitably, the poor nations have ended up at the end of the queue. And people like Abdul Latif and his little brother in Bangladesh could simply starve.

Oxfam is now fighting hard to meet calls for emergency food. We desperately need your help. But surely this crisis must also make us all question our own waste of scarce food resources, and above all, makes us now determined to help the other half of the human family increase their food production for the future.

For Oxfam to continue to help poor communities improve their own farming methods, we need to be able to plan ahead on the basis of a regular income.

Even if you can spare only 1% or 1% of your income (1% is £1 a month if you earn £1,200 a year), it can make a world of difference in a hungry corner of the world.

For today's emergency please send whatever you can. Quickly. Just £5 will buy a sack of wheat. If you would like to contribute to constructive development on a regular basis, please fill in the Banker's Order form below. You'll never give a better Christmas present.

Feed all the family. This form is simply an instruction to your bank to pay regularly whatever sum you choose to Oxfam's work. You can of course cancel it at any time by contacting your bank.

'Mastermind' title won by a third woman

By Kenneth Gosling

Mrs Elizabeth Horrocks last night demonstrated once again that the female of the species has the steadier nerve when facing Magnus Magnusson's two-minute bursts of rapid-fire questions. But she thought it "just a coincidence" that BBC television's Mastermind title should go to a woman for the third year running.

Mrs Horrocks, who follows in the successful footsteps of Mrs Nancy Wilkinson, the 1972 winner, and Mrs Patricia Owen, last year's champion, said all three semi-finals of Mastermind were recorded on the same day to give all the winners an equal time to study for the final.

"I had 28 days to read again 16 books of Dorothy L. Sayers or any third subject she liked. They were books rather dog-eared now, that my father bought, and I went on reading them when he died. They are the ones I know and the ones I enjoy."

She was glad she had settled for Tolkien in her second round; she rattled off 18 correct answers. Had it been Shakespeare, her first specialist subject, she felt she would not have done so well.

She had a huge following in Cardiff, where she comes from, and Bristol, where she was at university. And what she calls her "wide smattering of shallow knowledge", gained mostly from listening to Radio 4, was the key to success.

Why did she enter? "I did it without talking anyone in case they said 'no'. I have listened to previous quizzes, and people do not seem to be able to apply their knowledge correctly", she said.

She likes, and always has liked, proper examination conditions, which is why the inquisition atmosphere of Mastermind suited her.

Although she puts down women's success in the contest to sheer coincidence, it may be, she says, that women never have to be absolutely single-minded.

The 28-year-old former teacher was able to relax completely and watch herself winning last night. Then she became absolutely single-minded and put all her knowledge of baby care towards the problem of getting her 14-month-old daughter Katherine to sleep.

Minister is to reopen oil refinery inquiry

Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, is to reopen the inquiry into plans to build an oil refinery at Cliffe, in North Kent, it was disclosed yesterday.

He gave outline permission in March for a refinery at Cliffe and a rail terminal at Highams Lane.

Several parties asked for the inquiry, first held in 1972, to be reopened, chiefly on the ground that the development would be much different from the original plans by Burmah-Total Refineries Trust and that other material considerations had changed.

Four accused of murder in Belfast

Four men were charged yesterday with three murders in Belfast. Two, aged 27 and 28, accused of killing Mr Joseph McDermott, aged 35, a Roman Catholic, whose body was found at the weekend, were remanded in custody until January 6.

A man aged 26 was accused of the murder of Mr Alexander Ramsey, who was killed outside a church last month. Another man, aged 21, charged with the murder of Mr Brian Shaw, found in a house in the Lower Falls district, was remanded in custody until December 31.

Immigrant plot trial

Six Indians, a German and a Dutchman were committed for trial in custody to Southend Crown Court at Southend yesterday, jointly charged with conspiring together and with other persons to contravene the Immigration Act, 1971.

Two of the Indians are from south London - Mehanga Singh, aged 35, a welder, of Adamston Road, Plumstead, and Raj Kumar, aged 32, a fitter, of Priolo Road, Charlton. The four other Indians, all with addresses near Delhi, are Balwinder Singh, aged 17, Kirwinder Singh, aged 29, Sajjan Singh, aged 33, and Narander Singh, aged 19.

The other defendants are, Francis Azeizman, aged 43, a Dutchman, and Udo Fischer, aged 29, both of Bonn, West Germany.

Fire victims remembered at service

Hundreds of Christmas shoppers stood in silence yesterday as mourners arrived for a memorial service for the 13 pensioners who died when fire swept the Fairfield old people's home eight days ago at Edwalton, Nottinghamshire.

Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist leaders took part in the service at St Giles's Church, West Bridgford. One lesson was read by Mrs Alice Johnson, the assistant matron at Fairfield, and another by Mr Ernest Lester, chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council.

In his address, the Bishop of Southwell, the Right Rev Denis Walsling, said: "In this world we cannot avoid living in risk."

Tower hotel at South Bank agreed by Mr Crosland

The Government has overruled objections to a 380ft hotel at South Bank, London, close to the new National Theatre.

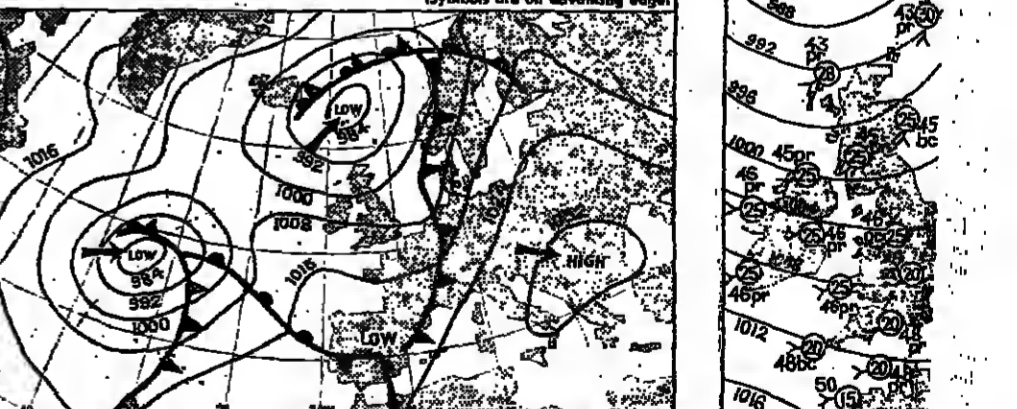
Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday that in the light of all the representations, he had decided there were not enough grounds for withholding planning permission.

Resting the hotel tower would present serious difficulties and would not be justified. The tower would not be an isolated example of a tall building which would form one of a series on the skyline of a redeveloped South Bank, he said.

In March, 1971, Mr Denis Lasdun, the National architect, objected to consultation on the project.

However, the plans two years later met approval. The design by Derek Stephenson, Heron Corporation monowall Holiday Canada, envisages a glass and aluminium higher than the Shell building.

Weather forecast and recordings



Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day. Sun rises: 8.5 am, 8.5 am, 8.0 am. Moon sets: 3.55 pm, 3.56 pm, 8.6 am.

Full Moon: December 29. Lighting up: 4.26 pm to 7.36 am. High Water: London Bridge: 9.58 am, 5.8 pm (18.6ft); 9.40 pm, 5.9 pm (19.2ft).

An unstable SW to W airstream will cover the British Isles. Area forecasts: London SE, central S, E, SW, central N, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Sunny periods, scattered showers; fresh SW, fresh or strong; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Yesterdays: London: Temp: 6 pm, 13°C (55°F); 6 am, 11°C (52°F); 1 pm, 7°C (45°F); 11 pm, 0.0°C (32°F). 5.3 hr. Bar. mean: 1,008.8 millibars. 1,000 millibars at 2,000 ft.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun. Algeria: 11-20, 11-20, 11-20. London: 10-15, 10-15, 10-15.



HOME NEWS

Taxes should pay for firemen, police and education, traders say

By Christopher Warman, Local Government Correspondent. The responsibility for all local authority expenditure on education, fire service and the police should be transferred to central government, the Association of British Chambers of Commerce states today.

and amenities, ratepayers would have an incentive to ensure that the elected representatives authorized expenditure only on what ratepayers themselves wanted. "We recommend, however, that the expenditure of local authorities on those services for which they would be entirely responsible under our proposals should be limited," the limit would be related to the aggregate expenditure in a base year, such as 1973, and could be exceeded annually by a rate not exceeding the rate of growth of the gross domestic product.



The choir of the National Children's Home, Harpenden, warming up for "A Stocking Full of Stars" which BBC television will relay live tomorrow from the home.

Christmas gifts 'are no cure for loneliness'

By Diana Geddes. On Christmas Day thousands of old people will receive more attention than at any other time of the year. Mr David Hobman, director of Age Concern, says today. But it is a sad indictment of society if people really think loneliness can be cured by a Christmas pudding or a gift of talcum powder.

Mr Wilson to rebuke dissenting whip

By Our Political Staff. No 10 Downing Street confirmed yesterday that the Prime Minister, before he leaves to spend Christmas Day at Chequers, will rebuke Mr Walter Johnson, an assistant public relations officer, for his decision to approve increases in top salaries last Friday.

Council in lash over wanslea's round

Wanslea City Council decided yesterday to buy the Vetch Rd, home of the city's fourth division Football League club, £200,000. The money goes £50,000 for the ground and £150,000 in grants to the club.

BBC head's warning of threat to services

By a Staff Reporter. If there is a significant difference between the licence fee the BBC needs and what it eventually gets, the changes in services that would follow would represent a reversal of decisions deliberately taken by governments over the years about the development of BBC broadcasting.

Police praise victim who tricked thieves

When a toolbox was taken from his car a college lecturer, Mr Clive Davies, advertised in a shop window for a toolbox. He made a citizen's arrest when two men offered to sell him the box stolen from his car.

Lone union voice defends top salary increases

By Our Labour Staff. A lone voice from the trade union movement yesterday spoke out in defence of the Government's decision to increase the salaries of top civil servants, judges and service chiefs.

Energy and food, Bishop says

The Bishop of London, Dr David Sheppard, declared yesterday that essential food and the use of energy will be rationed.

Hospitals may start next week to defer patients

Letters postponing many of next week's outpatient appointments for hospitals in the North-west are likely to be sent out this week as the hospital consultants' work-to-contract starts to make itself felt.

Lord Moyle of Llandiloes dies aged 80

Lord Moyle, of Llandiloes, died at his home yesterday. He was aged 80. As Mr Arthur Moyle, he was Labour MP for Slough from 1945 to 1950 and represented Oldbury and Halesover from 1950 to 1964.

Striker fined for throwing stone

John Ellis, aged 56, a strike picket, who threw a stone at a lorry that got through a picket line, was fined £25 at Hull Magistrates' Court yesterday for threatening behaviour.

Drive against mastitis

After three years of local surveys the Milk Marketing Board has launched a large-scale campaign against mastitis, a bacterial infection that may reduce the milk output of a cow by a tenth.

Pop birth rate is in low-population area

But Northern Ireland is still the second most sparsely populated of the regions, with 110 people a square kilometre. The North-west area, including Lancashire, Merseyside, Cheshire and Manchester, is the most densely populated, with 845 people a sq km.

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Advertisement for HINE cognac. It features a large bottle of HINE V.S.O.P. Cognac and a glass of cognac. The text includes 'HINE cognac Fine cognac' and 'HINE connoisseurs' cognac'. There is also a small crest logo at the top left of the ad.



WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

The Pope takes risk in carrying on Holy Year tradition

From Peter Nichols Rome, Dec 23. Shortly before midnight tomorrow night the Pope will symbolically strike the holy door of St Peter's three times with a golden hammer under the brilliant light of television arc lamps. He will do so not only to open the door itself but also to open the twenty-fifth Holy Year of the Catholic church. The Pope's action will signal a great gamble. Holy Years are inclined to arouse many kinds of doubts. The first Holy Year was probably the most impressive. In 1300 the energetic and highly ambitious Boniface instituted what was to become a regular element in Catholic life very remotely based (if indeed at all, more than in name) on Mosaic tradition. Boniface has been described as "eager for glory" and a majestic, imposing and—some could fairly say—pretentious aspect has remained as part of subsequent Holy Years. This is one reason why there has been criticism of Pope Paul's decision to carry on the tradition in much the same way as in the past. There has also been reason to suspect that the Pope himself had doubts at one time about the wisdom of continuing a custom so vulnerable to attack by modern-minded Christians. Those who wish the Holy Year well are, in effect, wishing Pope Paul an imposing and successful crowning of his reign. A failure would be extremely painful for him, and a success would help him over the periods of pessimism which frequently afflict him. He is not the first Pope to call a Holy Year, with its great influx of pilgrims, when the Eternal City was in no fit shape to receive them. But no pope will have placed so huge a strain on an already sorely tried city. Rome has the problems with housing, traffic, heating and public transport as well as a thriving criminal life, inflation and a municipality loaded with debts. No one appears to know how many pilgrims can be expected; estimates vary from three to eight million. An indication of the strain they will place on Rome's already overburdened streets is the estimate that on days expected to attract the biggest number of pilgrims there will be 1,000 additional tourist coaches and 15,000 more motor cars than usual. Conservationists say the city will not have enough water, that it will suffer increased pollution of the atmosphere, and because a dangerous sewage problem because of the lack of cleansing plants. They say the city's authorities have not heeded the Pope's own plea that Holy Year should be marked by the disappearance of the shanty-towns and other forms of improvised housing in which up to 100,000 people are said to live. Criticism is also heard of the Vatican's decision to use every means available to the Church to bring the greatest number of faithful to Rome. "When the Church is fully mobilized," one leading Rome personality said, "there is always trouble." This comment simply expressed the attitude of the less uncritically zealous among practising Catholics who would have preferred to see the decision to come, and the means chosen to come, left to individual initiative without the mass element inevitably brought by official pilgrimages. The organizers of this Holy Year, understandably, want to see a mass demonstration of loyalty, whatever the condition of the city, at a time when the Church is in serious difficulties. Another of their aims could well be seen as preparing pilgrims for a return not so much to the origins of the faith (which are not in Rome) but to the origins of authority. The Pope himself regularly insists on his authority as Peter's successor which he sees in no way as having been diminished by the somewhat timid efforts made in the last decade, since the closing of the Second Vatican Council, to involve the bishops of the world more closely in the government of the Church and to allow a degree of decentralization. So long as the city itself survives the strain the success of this Holy Year will depend on what the Pope himself manages to make of it. He will have a captive audience of enthusiastic faithful, but however predisposed they may be to enthusiasm, even they will want to see some justification for this huge effort on the part of the Church throughout the world. It will not be an easy event to judge. Historically, Holy Years have their distasteful touches: old



The Pope greeting prelates in the Vatican yesterday.

Peace plea for Middle East and Ireland

From Our Correspondent Rome, Dec 23. The Pope today sent his hope for peace to Ireland, the Middle East, Vietnam and other areas of conflict in the world. In an address to cardinals who presented him with their Christmas greetings, he said: "How much we desire that Jerusalem instead of being the object of continuing strife, may become the crossroads of a fraternal counter for all those who believe in one God, and the symbol of peace for the people of the Holy Land and for all the peoples of the Middle East. To this generous and to mented region and to all other parts of the world, where—as in Ireland, which is always dear to us and present in our thoughts—conflicts are violence continue to disturb harmonious living, we send our greeting of peace—a just peace that formulates an ever more deeply felt commitment. This year of spiritual renewal and reconciliation that is about to begin." The Pope hoped that a unified church could make a contribution to peace during Holy Year. "Thinking today, no less and perhaps even more than in other times, has need of the contribution at a time when the fading remembrance of the la cruel conflict threatens to soften in the world the horror of war and resolutions of peace." He went on to speak of Vietnam: "How could we not least express our anguish in the face of the difficulties that the peace continually encounters either in affirming itself in those places like Vietnam where it has not yet been finally reestablished." The Pope said that the world was at a decisive moment. He spoke of "the senseless consequences of a culture floundering the edge of the abyss, an of a manner of living rushing headlong into the degradation of liberate and blind passion."

Statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Iraq

The Government of the Republic of Iraq have revealed, on several occasions, the acts of aggression engaged in by the Government of Iran against Iraq, and the numerous continued attempts, on the part of that Government, against the sovereignty of Iraq over all its territories, after the unilateral abrogation by Iran of the Shatt Al-Arab 1937 agreement.

It has been noticed that such acts of aggression against the borders of Iraq tended to increase and become wider in scope whenever the Government of Iraq achieved further successes in their efforts to implement the Autonomy Law in the northern region of the country and bring about the final suppression of the outlaw hireling faction.

On all such occasions, the Iraqi Government made it clear that interference by the Government of Iran in Iraq's internal affairs and aggression by that Government against Iraq's borders are in reality acts of aggression and interference committed by American colonialism, that is to say that such acts, in the last analysis, are but part and parcel of the overall activity engaged in by the United States of America throughout the area for the achievement of the objectives of its well-known policy of aggression.

However, the situation has now developed into a new phase through widening the scope of military interference and the use of new types of sophisticated weapons by the Government of Iran, which have resulted in the incidents referred to by the communiqué issued by the Iraqi General Staff on the 16th of this month.

The above incidents have escalated the interference in Iraq's internal affairs and the aggression against its territories, population and armed forces to a new level which cannot be allowed to pass unheeded.

The interference by the Government of Iran, with the support of the United States of America, in the internal affairs of Iraq constitutes a complete example of the breaking of international law, the United Nation's Charter and disregard of the basic principles of international relations which are based on respect for the sovereignty of states and non-interference in their internal affairs.

Such a situation cannot but lead to upheaval in international relations, constitute a threat to peace and create conditions that are conducive to armed conflicts.

The situation arising from the above interference on its new level cannot be considered but grave, and deserving the full attention of the world community.

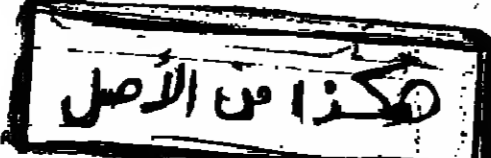
The Iraqi Government, who have always sought to solve difficulties with the Government of Iran through negotiations must make it clear to all concerned that the new situation cannot be overlooked and that the Iraqi Government will stand firm to protect national sovereignty and repulse aggression against the country.

In declaring this, the Iraqi Government turn to the peoples and governments of the Arab Homeland, pointing out that the acts engaged in by the Government of Iran with the support of the United States of America are linked with the overall hostile activity of colonialism in the Arab World, and that, as such, those activities call for watchfulness and caution.

The Iraqi Government also urges the world community to watch this grave critical situation and keep in mind the collective responsibility for safeguarding peace and security in the world.

The Government of Iran and those standing behind them will bear in the end, the responsibility of the consequences which will ensue from this grave situation.

December 17th, 1974



M Chirac reassures Shah on gold price

From Our Correspondent Teheran, Dec 23. M Chirac, the French Prime Minister, said tonight that reports about a change in the price of gold which had circulated after the talks between President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing in Martinique last weekend, were completely baseless. What had been done amounted only to a "reform in the central banks' accounting system." Chirac, speaking before leaving Teheran at the end of a three-day visit, emphasized that neither France nor the United States wanted a revaluation of gold. The only change resulting from the Martinique deal would be in the balance sheets of the central banks. Pressed on this point, M Chirac insisted that the Martinique decision would not reduce the purchasing power of the oil-producing countries. He explained the situation to the Shah during his audience yesterday and "I think his majesty was satisfied with the explanation." M Chirac refused repeatedly to discuss a possible devaluation of the dollar. Oil-producing countries have said that if

the dollar is devalued, they will take steps to maintain their purchasing power.

M Chirac announced that during his visit he had signed agreements with Iran for purchases amounting to \$6,000m (£2,600m). One agreement is for the supply of a colour television system. For months there has been rivalry between France and Germany to sell Iran a colour television system. The decision to choose France's Secam is regarded as largely political as the two systems are very similar in technical specifications.

France will build a 39-mile underground railway in Teheran. This project is said to be the biggest urban construction contract signed anywhere in the past 10 years.

Iran is to buy 25 French turbo-propellers to replace the other three) did not really wish for independence, preferring absorption as a department of metropolitan France, like Martinique.

The second problem is the economic future of four islands situated between Madagascar and Mozambique, with 287,000 inhabitants and a standard of living reckoned to be the lowest of all France's overseas territories.

40,000 'guest workers' lose Swiss jobs

From Our Correspondent Geneva, Dec 23. There are many worried faces among the 150,000 "seasonal" workers who have returned to their own countries, mainly Italy, Spain and Yugoslavia, during the past two weeks. They are in the category of foreign worker authorized to stay in Switzerland no more than 10 months a year. After five consecutive years of this, they can become settled workers and are then allowed to bring their families. This Christmas, 40,000 of those who have left will not come back. Their work contracts have not been renewed; they have no jobs to return to.

Egyptian leaders showing will for peace

Cairo, Dec 23.—M Sauvages, the French Foreign Minister, left for Paris tonight at the end of a five-day official visit to Egypt. Before leaving he told reporters that Egyptian leaders had shown him "a will for peace", but he predicted further tension in the Middle East when the United Nations peacekeeping mandate expires next year. The leaders he had talked with had expressed a desire that war with Israel be avoided. "I am sure the Egyptian authorities want to avoid a new use of arms", he said.—UPI

French islanders vote for independence

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 23. France has lost the first of its autonomous overseas territories with yesterday's overwhelming vote for independence by the Comoro Islands, in the Indian Ocean. In a record turnout yesterday, 95.56 per cent of the islanders voted to break away from France politically but to preserve some links. The French Parliament now has six months in which to approve independence, but it faces problems. One of the islands, Mayotte, which came under French influence more than 100 years ago (long before the other three) did not really wish for independence, preferring absorption as a department of metropolitan France, like Martinique. The second problem is the economic future of four islands situated between Madagascar and Mozambique, with 287,000 inhabitants and a standard of living reckoned to be the lowest of all France's overseas territories.

Portugal seeks to resume links with Africa

From Our Correspondent Lisbon, Dec 23. Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, left Lisbon today for a fortnight's goodwill tour which will include India, Somaliland, Russia, Yugoslavia and Romania. In Somaliland he is expected to ask President Siad Barre, who is also president of the Organization of African Unity, to press the OAU to lift the embargo on its members' diplomatic relations with Portugal. In India Dr Soares will sign economic, trade and cultural

Developing nations united in approach to EEC

From Roger Bernhoft Brussels, Dec 23. The remarkable cohesion of the 46 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries negotiating a new trade and aid agreement with the EEC has not cracked at the eleventh hour. This is the first time since the 1973-74 negotiations, with relief, in Brussels from the final ministerial consultations of the ACP countries in Dakar, Senegal, at the end of last week. Any cracks in ACP solidarity might have made the task of reaching a final agreement more difficult. Mr Babacar Ba, the Senegalese Finance Minister, and acting president of the group, has already been in touch by telephone with Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Foreign Minister, to fix a date for the concluding round of negotiations with the Nine at ministerial level. Dr FitzGerald takes over the presidency of the EEC's Council of Ministers from the French on January 1. January 13 and 14 are seen as the likeliest dates and Brussels the likely venue. Kenya's suggestion in Dakar that the meeting be held in Nairobi is considered impractical. The long communiqué issued at the end of the Dakar meeting shows no softening of the ACP position on the outstanding issues: the stabilization of export receipts, financial aid and sugar. The 46 are still insisting the funds paid over by the EEC compensate for a slump in export earnings from 1973. They agreed to accept a repayable aid totalling 8,000m units of account (about £4,000m) over five years while the EEC saves about 3,000m units. A on sugar they still regard EEC's price offer as unreasonably low. This problem is unlikely be resolved until the sugar producers (mainly from Commonwealth) have had their next round of discussions with the British on January 10 or 11 concerning a buying price for 1975. Community sources refer to the offer to guarantee developing country production of the same price as paid to EEC producers simply guarantee an index minimum price, leaving them wholly free to negotiate a much higher price, chose which they would, seems, rather be spared. The continuing fall in world sugar prices is likely strengthen the hand of EEC in the final negotiations

Avalanche stop at Kitzbuhel 'not roped off'

Innsbruck, Dec 23.—Robert Braunias, head of official inquiry into Saturday's disaster in Kitzbuhel, today disputed statements that the nine skiers who died were in a zone classified as dangerous. He said that many skiers told him that the slope had been roped off. It was only one of the experienced skiers who added. Thirteen Austrians and 16 Germans were caught in the avalanche and only four were pulled clear.—Reuter

S Africans baffled by apartheid complexities

From Michael Kaipe Cape Town, Dec 23. Race regulations have grown so complex and contradictory in South Africa that with Christmas festivities approaching their peak newspapers are publishing guides as to what forms of multi-racial mixing are allowed. There is minimal interracial contact at a social level in the republic and few people are aware of what they may, or may not, do legally. Those who are anxious to act upon the government's stated intention of abolishing discrimination are finding it no easy task. It is legal, for instance, at a private party for people classified as White, Coloured or Indian, to serve alcoholic liquor to guests of any people of the same three racial groups but not to people classified as African. Only soft drinks may be served to Africans. However, an employer is entitled to supply liquor to his African employees. Farmers, for instance, provide daily tots of wine for their farm labourers in lieu of additional wages—a practice which is strongly criticized in liberal quarters. Africans may buy alcohol from liquor stores which are racially segregated—and they

may take the liquor to a multi-racial party and serve themselves from their own supply. However, legal sources point out that in the event of a police raid it might be difficult to prove that Africans had brought their own liquor. In special circumstances it is possible to surmount the ban on serving Africans alcoholic liquor by applying for a special permit from the Department of Bantu Administration and Development. If a party, or gathering, is not private, Coloureds and Asians may attend only if a permit is acquired from the Department of Community Development. If Africans are expected also a second permit is required from the Department of Bantu Administration and Development. Some social events are allowed to be multi-racial—Bazaars, fairs, cake sales, markets and jumble sales. The all-important proviso for these events is that there must be no side shows or other forms of entertainment. Whites, Coloureds and Asians who are invited to an African's home require a permit to attend. Although foreign blacks are given better service than whites in most five-star hotels in South

Africa, there is considerable confusion over whether they may dance as well as eat and drink at such places. Special permits have to be obtained if a white wishes to entertain a black South African even to lunch or dinner and again it is no simple task. A Johannesburg Sunday Express reporter who attempted to take a black South African school teacher to a hotel restaurant reported today that a special permit was required and that restaurant managers warned that after a wait of several days the permit might be refused without reason. One restaurant manager said he had found it impossible, during the festive season, to obtain permits to allow blacks to use the facilities. Three leading hotels—the President, the Carlton and the Landmark—each refused permission for the reporter to entertain a black South African guest without the permit. The reporter asked the National Liquor Board how to get a permit and was told: "You must have a good reason. Friendship is not enough. If it has something to do with intellectual pursuits or a business prize award you've got a chance."

Rome shops hit by drop in Christmas sales

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Dec 23. Shopkeepers in Rome worried by the sharp drop in Christmas sales this year have reacted today by a 90 per cent of greeting cards and up to 20 per cent for clothes. Their association states as a result thousands of shops and businesses are facing "serious and immediate" consequences. Sales of furniture and necessities are down by 20 per cent, of furs by between 40 and 50 per cent and household appliances are selling at at one half of last year's rate. It gives Spaniards over "the right to associate themselves freely for political action". It attaches strings to the right, however

Spain recognize political parties

Madrid, Dec 23.—A Bill in parliament today proposed reforms to the laws of the 35 years of Franco's regime became law today. It gives Spaniards over "the right to associate themselves freely for political action". It attaches strings to the right, however



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Holy Land waits apprehensively for Christmas marked by gloom, fear and austerity

From Eric Marsden, Bethlehem, Dec 23. From almost every angle it looks like being a harsh, bitter Christmas in the Holy Land. The belief that another war is looming, the constant danger of terrorism, economic hardships caused by Israel's emergency measures and the continuing blight on tourism have all depressed the festive spirit. There has also been a deterioration in everyday relations not only between Jews and Arabs but between Arab and non-Arab Christians, who are deeply divided over the fate of Monsignor Hilario Capucci, the Greek Catholic Archbishop of Jerusalem, starting a 12-year prison sentence for aiding terrorists. The spectacle of an archbishop on hunger strike at Christmas is one which disturbs most Christians, in different ways. Not all this turmoil shows on the surface. The Israelis, though driven near to xenophobia by the ordeals of the past year, which has seen them almost totally isolated from the world community, are maintaining their scrupulous observance of the usual courtesies. Christmas trees are being distributed free in Christian homes by the Jewish National Fund; Jerusalem's mayor, Mr Teddy Kolek, gave his customary joint party to his religious leaders of Judaism, Islam and Christianity; and here in Bethlehem the West Bank military government has helped provide the coloured lights, piped music and closed circuit television that the crowd in Manger Square will see at midnight mass in the Church of the Nativity. The warning by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), indicating that it regards Christmas pilgrims and tourists as fair game for attack, has caused widespread panic. The Vicar-General of the Anglican Church, the Rt Rev Robert Stottford (former Bishop of London) described it today as "wholly deplorable".

It was, he said, utterly wrong to make tourists targets for terrorism and he was sure this was not supported by the people. Security will be even more intensive than usual in Bethlehem and church authorities have been informed of the special measures taken by the military government to prevent infiltration. But it may be impossible to prevent isolated incidents such as that on the Jericho road on Sunday, when a tourist bus was attacked. Troops will patrol the route of the procession led by the Latin Patriarch, Monsignor Giacomo Beltritti, from Jerusalem to the Church of the Nativity. Officers will stand guard with automatic weapons on the roof of the church. Terrorist deterrence of tourism is an additional blow to the stricken innkeepers and souvenir sellers, who have been doing thin business since Easter. Several hotels in Jerusalem are closed, others have between a dozen and 30 guests and have had to lay off staff. In Bethlehem the mayor says: "This will be one of the hardest Christmas we have had." Many Arabs profess a dislike for the hardship and trouble which are writhing in the eighth Christmas under Israel occupation over to be the last. In spite of anxiety over continued indiscriminate terrorism, there has been an weakening of support for the PLO in the West Bank. Arab leaders have become bolder, even defiant, in their political statements. Political protests, officially forbidden, have been held in the West Bank. The West Bank council has publicly stated that the town rejects plans by Israel leaders seeking to absorb it within Jerusalem's jurisdiction. The Capucci affair has generated an ugly atmosphere which bodes ill for the future. Although the archbishop was plainly guilty of neo-smuggling, no Arab leader of

churchmen has criticized his actions. Bobb Arah and Israel's have blind spots concerning terror and counter-terror. Decent ordinary Arabs have known for years refuse to show any remorse for the deliberate killing of women and children by the Israelis, are equally unmoved by civilian deaths in their bombing attacks on refugee camps in Lebanon. When a delegation of church dignitaries visited the Religious Affairs Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, to plead for Monsignor Capucci's release, he said he was "stunned by their failure to express any regret or to condemn the archbishop's actions". On a rare day of the foreign, non-Arab clergy long resident in Jerusalem. A wave of pro-Israel sympathy has been stirred, though, and today an American Episcopalian, Father Malcolm Boyd, was conducting an informal inter-denominational service at the Walling Wall in recognition of Jesus as a Jew. The Vatican has not so far made a decision on whether to support the demand for Monsignor Capucci's release, or has it expressed direct regrets at his office. The affair is an acute embarrassment for the Pope on the eve of his declaration of Holy Year. Israel shows no sign of relenting and agreeing to deport the archbishop, an action which would cause a domestic storm. More Israelis are celebrating Christmas these days, furtively or otherwise. They include many immigrants from Britain and America, nostalgic for the Yuletide spirit they enjoyed back home. But in East Jerusalem small plastic trees are on offer at £4 each, a single bell-shaped decoration costs £2, and a rare imported plum pudding 1lb 14oz is also priced at £2. The loss of Christmas is just one part of the difficult adjustment that many immigrants face here.

Report on CIA spying ordered by Mr Ford

From Fred Emery, Washington, Dec 23. President Ford today ordered Dr Kissinger to report in 10 days "within a matter of days" on newspaper allegations that the Central Intelligence Agency conducted mass illegal spying in the United States during the Nixon years. The CIA is authorized only to operate abroad. The announcement of the President's concern came from his press secretary at Vail, Colorado, where Mr Ford is on a working-skiing holiday. He said the Secretary of State was being instructed to investigate the reports in his capacity as staff director of the National Security Council, which coordinates all intelligence activity. Mr Ford, reacting for the first time in his 10 days in Colorado, clearly hoped in head off mounting congressional demands for heads to roll. He also wished to insist on perspective, in reminding Americans that newspaper reports were not necessarily facts, and to deny an Associated Press report that the Justice Department was already involved in considering prosecutions. A Justice Department spokesman, however, insisted they had the matter "under review". At the State Department, Dr Kissinger's spokesman said earlier denied that the Secretary of State had ever heard about the CIA's domestic spying, before the newspaper's disclosures. Since 1969 Dr Kissinger has been assistant to the President for national security, and thus in a position to keep an eye on the CIA for President Nixon during the years when spying is alleged to have been practised against anti-war dissidents. But his spokesman was adamant today. The Secretary has never seen any reports of surveillance of American citizens by the CIA," he said. There has been no link suggested between the CIA spying and the dubious wire-tapping of press correspondents



Mr Ford ends a good day's skiing. His bodyguard, however, are reported "mediocre" on skis.

Kissinger optimism on foreign policy

Washington, Dec 23. Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State, in wide-ranging interviews is delivering assured and relatively optimistic analyses of the world situation. Whether or not, as some intimates suggest, he is deliberately covering his true feelings of deep pessimism and dismay, the fact is that in his latest public statements in today's Newsweek magazine he speaks of "a growing realization that the political demoralization of the industrialized countries must be arrested". He therefore asserts he is "not pessimistic" about Middle East negotiations. Indeed, he believes "it looks far more encouraging than it did" during last spring's Golan Heights disengagement talks. "I am in fact quite hopeful," he said. Likewise, next in the Salt (strategic arms limitation) agreement, he gives greatest emphasis to the achievement among the Western industrialized countries of common approaches in oil diplomacy. Instead of the apocalypse he has sometimes invoked, he suggests that what is currently being pursued "may be the beginning of a restructuring of relationships" in the West. He promises that very shortly President Ford will announce strong American energy conservation measures. Dr Kissinger is also conciliatory towards Congress in insisting he is determined to go "to the absolute limit" of maintaining foreign policy on a bipartisan basis. Or Kissinger for the first time rules out American support for negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Asked how long he would stay in his post, he agreed that the timing of departure was difficult. "Most people are carried out instead of walking out. I have no itch to leave. But I also have no compulsion to stay." The last words should be taken with an enormous dose of realism.

Seven British servicemen missing at sea

Hongkong, Dec 23. — The marine authorities here fear for the safety of seven Hongkong-based British servicemen missing for three weeks on a cruise to the colony from Bangkok. This afternoon they issued a radio message requesting sightings in the South China Sea to help to look for the topsail boat, the Ruseance. The boat had not been heard from since December when an American warship reported sighting it some 200 miles south-east of Saigon in an area which has been hit by typhoons since early this month. The Ruseance was last seen heading towards the Paracels, a group of islands in the South China Sea which a Chinese amphibious force took possession of last spring. A military spokesman said a search party was being sent to negotiate additional Russian aid for the country's first steel mill at Karachi. This is being built largely with Russian aid.

£20m British interest-free loan for Pakistan

From Our Correspondent, Rawalpindi, Dec 23. — Sir Lawrence Pumphrey, the British Ambassador to Pakistan, today signed an aid agreement under which Pakistan will receive a £20m interest-free loan, repayable in 25 years with a seven-year grace period. The project, to be financed out of the £1.5 billion of British aid negotiations between the British and Pakistan Governments. Today's agreement provided the biggest single loan agreement for project aid in many years. It is the last project loan was made during the 1960s for railway electrification, although some commodity aid has been offered since. Mr Rafi Raza, the Pakistan Minister for Industries and Production, leaving for Moscow on December 25 to negotiate additional Russian aid for the country's first steel mill at Karachi. This is being built largely with Russian aid.

Russian Jews make plea for prisoners

Moscow, Dec 23. — Unmolested by a small number of watching policemen, some 25 Jews presented a petition to the Supreme Soviet today asking for the release of 40 "prisoners of Zion" from Soviet jails and labour camps. The petition, bearing about 300 signatures, coincided with the 10th anniversary of the sentencing in Leningrad of 11 people, mostly Jews, who tried to hijack an airliner. Although the KGB security police had said the presentation of the petition would be considered a provocation, they made no attempt to intervene when the group went to the Parliament reception building and handed to a clerk a letter addressed to President Podgorny.—UPI.

Dilemma of Japanese Premier

in Peter Hazelhurst, London, Dec 23. — Attempts by the new Prime Minister, Mr Takeo Miki, to re-establish the tarnished image of the Liberal Democratic Party by dissociating it from the rest of Japan's powerful industrial houses, have only led to a splitting of the hierarchy into two again and annoying leaders of industry and commerce. The cocoon of the large trading houses, which have controlling interests over the entire spectrum of business—from the textile industry down to hamburger stands—is not hard to appreciate. In the first place the Fair Trade Commission, led by Mr Takahashi, so co-ordinated and held together the interests of industry and banking interests, has already forced the public prosecutor to indict 12 of Japan's most powerful nil companies on charges of forming a secret cartel to fix prices. The new draft Bill would not only tighten up existing anti-monopoly laws but would give greater powers to restrict stock price cartels, to crack down on cartels, to break up large industrial groups into smaller units when they threaten to monopolize entire segments of the economy. There can be no doubt that some of the excesses of big business during the past year—

Greetings to you from the friends of Outset

- Tim and Frances Aldington-Smyth of Chiswick, W.4. Eric and Mary Frank of Clifton, Bristol. John Kingsbury of Worthing, Sussex. The company of "Sleuth" at the Fortune Theatre. Mr and Mrs Lawrence Spalton of East Harting, Hampshire. Stephen Spender of St. John's Wood, London. Anne and Nicolas Stacey of Sealing, Waversham, Kent. The Steen Family, Stephen and Jacqueline, Anthony and Carolyn, Jasmin and Xanthe of London, Liverpool and Rustington, Sussex. Jack Sultsberger of London, E.C.2. "The Treasure Island" and "Cole" Companies at the Mermaid Theatre, Blackfriars, E.C.4. Turner Studios Ltd. of 9-12 Brandon Road, London, N.7. The staff of Ulverscroft Large Print Books Ltd. of Station Rd., Glenfield, Leics. Boys and Staff of University College School, Fringal, N.W.3. Watco (Sales) Ltd. of 56 Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1. Tim and Jackie Willis of Broxton, Essex. Anthony Young Ltd. 26 Uxbridge Rd., Ealing, London, W.5. Stephen, Sheila, Tony, Stephanie, John, Kathy, Sue, Ian and all the other OUTSET organisers past and present.

This year again many friends of OUTSET have given us the cost of their Christmas cards. Their greetings, in which OUTSET joins, come instead in this space — which allows us to reprint some of Michael Flander's recent BBC Appeal. It says so much more than we can.

"I was on a Monday morning the Gasman came to call! Remember Donald Swann's and my song about all the troubles that follow when 'The Gasman Cometh'?" In these troubled times there are, unhappily, thousands of people to whom no-one ever comes. Old people, sick people, physically and mentally handicapped people; people who can't get out and who need extra help. There is at the same time a great reservoir of capable help available; chiefly from young people. About a year ago I joined the Committee of a small but, I think remarkable charity called OUTSET, which sets out to connect these willing volunteers with those who need help. Under an OUTSET organiser, groups of young people work for the community as a whole. They clean up littered beaches and beauty spots — that sort of thing — and also help individuals with work about the house and garden. In some areas, OUTSET have undertaken surveys to track down cheap housing for the homeless. But its most important and impressive work has been its surveys on behalf of local authorities — to search out people who have a right to certain extra help under the 1970 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act. To put the Act into practice, a major problem had to be overcome. Many needy people are so cut off they do not know about the new services. Of those who do, many are too shy to ask for them. So OUTSET was invited to help. The only certain solution was to call on every single address in the County or Borough and explain the help available. Up to now OUTSET has called on more than a million and a quarter households. About 45,000 people, some in desperate need, have been put in touch with help. Altogether OUTSET has channelled some 30,000 young people into useful and inspiring work and organised it all with a full-time salaried staff of only three — assisted by a dozen-or-so young people working full-time around the country.

If you, like me, feel that this practical and efficient approach to helping the old, the disabled, the whole community is something we can't do without — that OUTSET should be encouraged to carry on and expand — do please send a donation.

I would like to help OUTSET continue its community work in the coming year with this donation of £... Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to OUTSET.

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Childhood was an invention of the nineteenth century. Just as adolescence is an invention of the twentieth. Before the last century children were treated as miniature adults...



Henry Moore Pelvic Arch, with visitor, at the V and A

Most of the works in the exhibition are from the nineteenth century. This is partly because so many more have survived, but also because there were so many more. The exhibition, which is mostly of paintings and illustrations...

William Nicholson. The model was his 10-year-old son, the future painter Bo Nicholson. It seems extraordinary that photographs have not been included, considering the richness of child photography...

George. Polythene mirrors vibrate and shake and distort your image when you stand on them. This is placed in a performance of evocative Bodily Fluids and Functions at the Round House in 1967...

Mark Boyle's (1966) and Judy Clark's (1972) carefully tabulated body fluids seem to have little to do with thought. They are a kind of conceptual graph of a man and a girl celebrating intercourse during a performance of evocative Bodily Fluids and Functions...

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Rostropovich Maltings, Snape... William Mann... Basil Brush's Christmas Fantasy BBC 1... Stanley Reynolds... L'enfance du Christ Albert Hall... Paul Griffiths...

The new work is even more a suite than usual, since its time movements follow one another uninterrupted. The new work has characteristic variations on four Russian traditional themes (three folk songs and one old hymn) which are first heard unvaried only at the end...

John's performance is eodaring, both for his hard work on mediocre music and an engaging acknowledgement of its limitations. His accompanying musicians are superb; he himself fiddles with the piano, swigs his wine and clowns nervously as if admitting surprise at his own enormous success...

Elton John Odeon, Hammersmith... Anthony Holden... The concert opens with an exploding piano, the second half with snare from beneath the safety curtain—sour jokes, Elton John.

Perhaps to those diverted from a highway by their way to Hammersmith his first appearance is in a modest blue velvet jump suit. Later he returns in a silver sou'wester, sequined overcoat and matching spectacles against an Alpine backdrop...

London debuts

Nothing was more to the credit of the Australian, Ruth Hecht, in her piano recital at the Purcell Room than the way she sustained interest throughout four of Messiaen's long early preludes (1928-29). Because her imagination really took fire from his imagery, there was nothing her fingers would not do for her. The eight dolls of Villa-Lobos's The Baby's Family came up with equal fervour and fluency. In both these composers Miss Hecht even made you feel she was using a different, more pleasant-toned piano than for the rest of the programme.

Pieter Serfontein, aptly chose Christmas music for the second half of his first solo recital at the Purcell Room, giving more pleasure to it than in an over-ambitious first half. His tone lacked the sensuous allure and his phrasing the elegance for groups of Duparc and Strauss, to another or from one dynamic level to another never smoothed enough, and though strength was not lacking in climaxes, tightness of production seemed to strangle true resonance. His opening group of Warlock also taxed his intonation.

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The National Theatre at the Old Vic 928 7616. Tonight 7.30 Boxing Day 2.15 & 7.30. Peter Nichols comedy The Freeway. Irene Handl is as gorgeously Irene Handl as ever.

Paul Griffiths. Borlino's little oratorio is an uncharacteristically restrained piece, and it was the pastoral quality of the music that Neville Marriner brought gently to the fore on Sunday evening. The London Symphony Orchestra responded with softly shaded playing of great beauty, and the LSO Chorus managed, despite their numbers, to sing in clear yet husky tones. Their performance of the shepherds' chorus of farewell, the centrepiece of the

L'enfance du Christ Albert Hall. work, was touching, and not at all sentimental. When done in this inoffensive manner, L'enfance du Christ is out the piece of the Albert Hall with sound (not on this occasion with audience) which was a pity, but its higher reaches did provide the opportunity for the angelic voices to sound properly celestial. Not all in the work is sweetness and purity. It is as much a pot-pourri as Rameau's Juliette or Lelio, even if it lacks the extraordinariness that justifies those pieces. Here the dramatic weight was in John Boyns's portrait of the young Jesus, with a sense of the only part to which Borlino gives much personality. Yvonne Minton and Thomas Allen, as Mary and Joseph, did very well in producing what was required of them, a picture of cosy conjugal bliss, not the disquieting two distraught natural innocence in the third. Paul Hudson was their stout Ishmaelite saviour, and Philip Langridge made an excellent narrator, his pronunciation and diction faultless. Mr Langridge's directness could not, in the context of this performance, prevent the episodes he presented from sounding quaint. It does seem odd that any of this work could have been passed off by Borlino as due to a seventeenth-century master, but perhaps the historical ignorance of his contemporaries is to be envied rather than sneered at.

Stanley Reynolds. The children were out at a Christmas party on Sunday so we were able to see Basil in good form for the kiddies' night. He is loved in our house but most of his wit lies over their heads. And, of course, it would be impossible for them to appreciate his vigour, the sparkling nature of the grotesque little fox. Basil is loud of mouth and dress, more like a comic bookmaker or some sort of clown than a kiddies' puppet. Basil is a glove puppet, isn't he? I am not quite sure how he should be described. Indeed, many people apparently write to Mr Roy telling him how marvelous he is because they cannot see his lips move. Roy North, however, is not a ventriloquist. This Sunday testime was Basil's special Christmas show with Ronald Embich as the special guest star, and featuring the usual merry fairytale creatures as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Little Red Riding Hood, and Humpty Dumpty. I think it would have been rather a wet time without the artful mockery of Basil, the Equire, who, for example, when Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall looked down at the broken egg and went: "Yuk!" Basil was whisked off on a magic carpet to the waxworks where all the fairytale creatures come to life at Christmas time. This is hardly the stuff to draw

Notes were reasonably punctuated and accurate (no mean feat) in Weber's exacting A flat sonata, Op.39, but this was a performance of intelligence rather than flair. It lacked the grand, expansive gesture, the essential flow and sweep, especially in the operatically conceived first movement. Except for a few small knots in the finale, Bach's Italian Concerto was clear and sturdy, but rather clunky in tone.

When his voice was comfortably placed in the middle register, with simple story-telling of more importance than soaring cantileva or extremities of passion, then his response to atmosphere could be enjoyed as in much of Peter Cornelius's Mittrauchtsieder, Op.8, and Wolf's "Erlanger" with particularly attractive board help from the reliable Antony Saunders in the last. Joan Chissell. Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.



# Full Christmas viewing programmes

## Alan Blyth and Michael Ratcliffe make their selections for the holidays

### A lot of night music

The BBC's Savoy opera company assembled by Cedric Messina has for the third year running come up with a Christmas offering to warm the hearts of all but the most staid of G and S enthusiasts. Their *Yeoman of the Guard* on New Year's Day (BBC1) reminds us, under David Lloyd-Jones's sympathetic baton, what a glorious score his is, and John Corrie's direction makes no false move, unless it be the unerring spotlight around the too spick-and-span Tower.

Gorrie has updated it slightly to the seventeenth century, and drawn the upmost characterization from his accomplished cast without caricature or send up. The singing, as has happened before, pays Sullivan the compliment of treating him as a truly operatic composer. Valerie Masterson, with her fine Manon and Violeta behind her, puts real emotion into Elsie's attractive music and sassy partners David Hillman's cleverly equivocal Colonel Fairfax. Derek Hammond-Stroud's Jack Point manages to be at once amusing and affecting, and Denis

Wicks as Wilfred Shadbolt reads perhaps even more into the Jailer's words than is there.

For the BBC tonight Brian Large has directed a not-out-of-seasonal version of that old Christmas standby, *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (BBC2) which has Menotti's seal of approval. There is a pleasingly natural performance of the title part by young Paul Maurer (his father sings one of the kings) whose style falls happily halfway between the choirboy and Wandsworth traditions of trebles. April Cantelo is appropriately worried as the boy's Mother. A real donkey and camel jar slightly against the obviously studio-made set, but the treatment of the miracle is highly imaginative. Nicholas Braithwaite conducts.

Also tonight Janet Baker joins André Previn, under John Culshaw's production, in what looks like an unacknowledged programme, and tomorrow Harlech has gathered together some real and adopted Welshman for the reenactment of a Victorian Christmas. In a lighter

vein, on December 27, the BBC had the brilliant idea of harnessing together what are perhaps the two most enjoyable musical films of all time, *On the Town* and *Singin' in the Rain*. Kelly and Donen fans could hardly ask for more. But I shall make most certain to watch the special edition of *That's Life* on Saturday (BBC1), the most compulsively viewable series of the year.

Radio 3 offers escape from too much seasonal festivity with reminders of festivals earlier in the year. Summer glories are recalled on Christmas night with the City of London's all-star chamber-music concert, while the day before Bregenz's tribute to the Puccini family to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the composer's death, is followed soon by Aldeburgh's 'Four Voices and Flauto' programme, full of seldom-heard treasures. Then on December 27, Salazar's *nozze per Cusi* is succeeded much later in the day by Piatigorsky's wonderful Chopin and Debussy with Baroni, again from the City.

Alan Blyth

### Spirits of Christmas present

Ghosts malignant and feeble; double doses of Gilbert and Sullivan, Dickensian extravaganzas, Dana, the Circus, Joseph Cooper, Dr Who, Hope and Keen; renakes of *Born Free*, *The Secret Garden* and Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors*; several attractive repeats, and more than 70 full-length feature films on show between December 21 and January 3, some of them masterpieces (*Henry V*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Thirty-Nine Steps*, *A Night of the Opera*).

The supernatural season opened last night with two dramatizations, John Bowen's *Abbot Thomas* (BBC1) and by Julian Bond of *The Ferryman* by Kingsley Amis (Granada). Mr Amis had James much in mind when writing his own ghost story *The Green Man* and he has claimed in a radio talk that he and his wife have been overtaken, James-fashion, by some of the events and characters in that book. He then admitted he was having us on and had merely been discussing a completely new Kingsley Amis story about a writer and his wife who are overtaken by *etc.* *The Ferryman*, Mr Bond's adaptation of the talk/story, was full of nice irrelevant detail and nervous tension

(Jeremy Brett played the writer, but slow to build and short on scalp-thrills until the scaringly climactic itself left one adequately disturbed to receive the real stuff 50 minutes later on BBC Granada follow *The Ferryman* with *Poor Girl* (December 23), a 50-min story by Elizabeth Taylor and the New Year with that classic chiller of the London film, *The Doctor in Love* by Elizabeth Bowen.

If you believe that ghosts should be either frightening or funny, then *The Canterville Ghost* (ITV, New Year's Eve) will only annoy you for it is neither. Most of Wilde's story comprises a narrative of slightly faded jokes in a style of Low Gothic camp suggesting an extra-terrestrial encounter between Peacock and Coward, neither at their best. RADA Miller has adopted much of this unimpressive material into soliloquies for the outraged spectre (David Niven) apparently declining into *etc.* It remains wordy and whimsical, and none the better for being faintly but persistently modernized—this is not the Nineties—while Mr Niven is miscast. It is impossible to imagine him doing anything incompetently, as here required, let alone indulging in dreams of a Symbolist Garden of

Death 300 years after committing a horrible crime.

Both G and S offerings are excellently cast and sung, although like their near-contemporary *Canterville*, they can dangerously convey the impression they are taking place before a second, unseen and unheeded audience, not ourselves. The telly takes ill to big choruses and burlesque, and much the most effective moments of *The Yeoman of the Guard* (BBC1, New Year's Day), apart from those afforded by Eileen Doss's very pretty and seemingly enormous set, come from the patter songs, duets, trios and quartets of Act II, much of which is done straight to camera making us feel that it is, after all, permissible to be watching.

Tonight's *Trial by Jury* (Granada) is also generously designed, by Peter Phillips, with a lovely long corridor for the whole cast to skip and caper down to the *hab-manner* born. Norma Burrows is a devastatingly competitive Plaintiff, fighting the Defendant not merely for breach of promise, but also, and successfully, for possession of the melodic line in the *Puritani/Lucia* quartet. Charles Mackerras conducts fast, but here allows the parody room to breathe.

The new *Amahl* tonight is the BBC's third, and first in colour, "recorded in the presence of the composer", which presumably denotes a blessing of some sort. It is excellent; the Mother is a splendid role for April Cantelo and Amahl is played by Paul Maurer, a lively and humorous boy. Another third production, and first in colour, is *The Secret Garden* (BBC1, New Year's Day) whose first episode suggests it will be quite as gripping as Frances Hodgson Burnett's tales of tough little girls in distress so, uncannily are on the box. Also strongly recommended: *Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo* (Granada, Boxing Day afternoon), the *Flanders' Hoe* (BBC1, Boxing Day) turned into an enchanting cartoon of the Flood by Brian Cosgrove.

Best repeats: James Macgregor's *Alice Through the Looking Glass* (BBC2, December 27); Kenneth Allsob's *The Wildlife of New York City* (BBC1, December 29); Kroy and Ann Marshall's *Wildlife of Whales* (BBC2, December 29); Betjeman and Mirzoeff's *Metro-Land* (BBC1, January 3); Robert Muller and Peter Wood's *The Song of Songs* (BBC2, January 3).

Michael Ratcliffe

## Today



Trial by Jury (ITV 10.20)

Are all the decorations up and the children battered down? Then relax with Gilbert and Sullivan (ITV 10.20), perhaps before the Mass of the Nativity from Rome (ITV 11.0) or Family Eucharist from Cheshire (BBC1 11.55). Alternatively Roy Hudd will recite Christmas Day in the Workhouse (BBC2 11.0). All that, however, is for the end of the day. Discerning viewers will abandon domestic affairs earlier to watch those Likely Lads (BBC1 7.45), and, if Aladdin with Michael Glazer as Widow Twankey does not transport you it will not be for the want of trying (BBC1 4.15).—L.B.

**BBC 1**  
9.00 am, Mr Benn, 9.15, Boss Cat, 9.40, The Hope and Kean Series, 10.05, The Languages of Animals, lecture by David Attenborough, Beware! Part 2, 10.35, Speed Buggy, 11.00, Roobarb, 11.05, Holiday Star Trek, 11.50, A Summer Friendship, 12.30, pm, News, 12.35, Pebble Mill Christmas, 12.50, The Black and White Christmas Show, 1.35, Film: National Velvet (1945), with Elizabeth Taylor, Mickey Rooney, Donald Crisp, 3.25, Diane Solomon, 4.15, Aladdin, with Michael Angel, Jacqueline Clarke, Dana, Peter Glaze, The Goodies, Barrie Gosney, Derek Griffiths, Deryck Guyler, Jan Hunt, Don Maclean, Pat's People, Ed Stewart, Richard Wattis, 5.15, News, 5.30, Tom and Jerry, 5.40, Film: Kidnapped (1960), with Peter Finch, James MacArthur, 7.10, Dick Emery, 7.15, The Likely Lads, special Christmas edition, 8.30, Film: Ice Station Zebra (1968), with Rock Hudson, 10.50, News, 11.00, André Previn's Christmas Music Night, 11.55-1.00 am, The Message of the Angels: Family Eucharist from St Peter's, Hale, Cheshire.

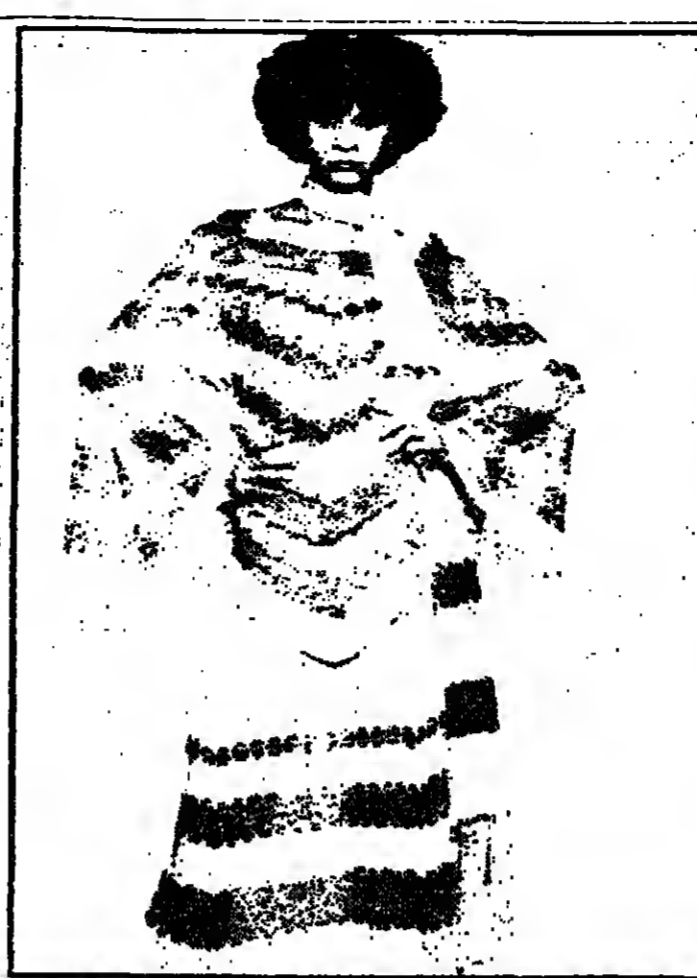
**BBC 2**  
11.00-11.25 am, Play School, 11.25-11.55, Night, Bernard Haitink conducts London Philharmonic Orchestra, 6.20, News, 6.25, Oh Happy Day, documentary, 7.00, The Flat—1974, highlights of the 1974 flat racing season, 7.40, Amahl and the Night Visitors, Christmas opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti, 8.30, The Rest of Not Only... Roy Hudd, 9.10, Garaway: The Golden Girls of Old Greenwich, 10.05, The Old Grec Whistle Test, 11.00-11.20, Poor Christmas, with Roy Hudd.

**HTV**  
9.55 am, Seaside Street, 10.50, Tabitha and Adam and the Clown Festival, 11.00, News, 11.05, Help! 5.25, The Dick and Dom Show, 6.00, News, 6.15, The Dick and Dom Show, 6.30, The Dick and Dom Show, 6.45, The Dick and Dom Show, 7.00, The Dick and Dom Show, 7.15, The Dick and Dom Show, 7.30, The Dick and Dom Show, 7.45, The Dick and Dom Show, 8.00, The Dick and Dom Show, 8.15, The Dick and Dom Show, 8.30, The Dick and Dom Show, 8.45, The Dick and Dom Show, 9.00, The Dick and Dom Show, 9.15, The Dick and Dom Show, 9.30, The Dick and Dom Show, 9.45, The Dick and Dom Show, 10.00, The Dick and Dom Show, 10.15, The Dick and Dom Show, 10.30, The Dick and Dom Show, 10.45, The Dick and Dom Show, 11.00, The Dick and Dom Show, 11.15, The Dick and Dom Show, 11.30, The Dick and Dom Show, 11.45, The Dick and Dom Show, 12.00, The Dick and Dom Show, 12.15, The Dick and Dom Show, 12.30, The Dick and Dom Show, 12.45, The Dick and Dom Show, 1.00, The Dick and Dom Show, 1.15, The Dick and Dom Show, 1.30, 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# Fashion

by Prudence Glynn



Out of season clothes for the winter traveller.

Centre: Long, sleeveless cotton dress in a Liberty Print, with 4 pleats at the front of the skirt, narrow straps and square neck, under a plain cotton bolero. Called "Chilton Rhodes" by Jeff Banks. Price: £95. from an exclusive selection at his shop, 27, Duke Street, London, W1.

Far left: Button through polyester satin housegown by David Nieper. Style 895. Sizes WMS and WX both approx £26. Colours white, pink and silver, from Harrods housecoat department, Raokhams of Birmingham, and other good stores.

Left: White and blue rayon and lurex lacey poncho with matching ankle length skirt and long scarf. Designed and knitted by Esther Pearson. For details please contact her at Stroud Green Road, London N4. Tel: 01-263 1482.

Photographs by Peter Akehurst.

## What would Actors Equity have to say?

am not a socially competitive areol. Indeed, to so fine an t have I got the delegatio the hospitable niceties that hco I happened to answer the or hell the other day I was mazed to hear from a stranger n the steps that she had come collect her child who had sen having tea with us. I tried course to look as though I new all about it, but the situon was out enhanced by the ct that the only reason I was at all was because I was in the middle of making strips of ching across the seat of the awing room sofa which had tely fallen through. This all sented too complicated to ex-ain to the visitor and anyway r sofa, unmasked from its pp cover, is not a pretty ght, so I left her in the hall hile I went helowstairs to find at if indeed we had an extra mild around. We had, but when is man led him away some- ing in her expression sug-asted that further invitations a house while the door was ened by someone carrying a mmer who pteently had nolea of the previous responsi- bility having tea with her and ho further left her visitors in ge hall might not be thought mart.

However, when it comes to all scale entertainment I can make an effort to be original. Ince everyone round us goes o the same parties they get rough a fair number of gglers and entertainers and im shows and hoesy middle ged lady party organisers in a ear, so finding something hich the children have not sen before, which is suitable, nd which you can afford is a oser. I cast my mind about, r rather I cast my eyes about magazine called *The Stage*, any reading more pognant? hen the stardust turns o saw-ust, when the name in lights is ever yours, then you take a tle ad in *The Stage*. Kings of e Clarinet, Princes of aughter, Novelty Juggling, rterainers, Yodelling, and inging, Accordionists, people ith their Own Organ, all make elieve life is there. You can ave mller skaters or fire wallowers, or stout bicyclists areering round your sitting man, which may be why lrs of he acts have "audience partici- tion" in small type at the bottom, in that if they land by mistake n someone's lap they an say it was all part of the lan.

Most of the entertainments ffered were quite unsuitable von for the modern child, but ucked in among Mr and Mrs 'ntertainment, and Mr Varley, nd the belly dancers was a little dog who did tricks. For an udience of eight year olds, what urther. I telephoned her agent, aving selected an animal act was then filled with doubt about the morality of training beasts to perform. All sorts of -cruel stories came into my mind -had not Colton been sickened y the cruelty of the circus, who as the French magician whose test trick depended on the audi- ence's humane assumption that he little birds he used survived he performance? They did not. Nightly they were crushed to death and replaced next day for a few souis in the market. How- ever, I told myself that since

the English are invariably kinder to their animals than to each other I could not be fostering a foul trade. When I looked my dog at the owner certainly did not sound the sort to use an electric goad. As a matter of fact, he did tell my husband that the training time could be cut in half if you used a stick (which naturally he had out) but luckily I did not hear this till it was all over and the star's mini-apparatus stowed in her modest transport.

It was when I was discussing the finer arrangements for the party that I became aware of a piercing lambent gaze oo my back and turned round to find our cat listening to every word. His later life had been irradia- ted by a romance of epic proportions with the very per- son I was talking to, and what with being loyal to me too and acting as the perfect major domo to the household he found life pretty tiring and needed 22 hour's sleep a day. However, his sense of when to be awake was uncanny, and so there he was, staring at us in outrage with "DOG-Vulgar Tricks-In My House" written all over his face. Hastily we explained that it was just a small dog, a dog with people to keep, a dog who had to work for her living. Somewhat mollified he padded out and could be seen under the hydrangeas boasting to his friends that you would never catch him jumping through humps for a livelihood.

At noon prompt on the day of the party he took up a position in the front row of the stalls, eyes slitted with suspicion. But his nerve was not what it was, and after weaving dizzily about among the plates holding the birthday tea (I thought he had licked the chocolate buns, but the rough-cast texture on the icing turned out to be cocoa, not tongue-marks) he retired upstairs. At 12.30 the Star's owner telephoned to ask if we had a carpet. It turned out that he was not concerned with the quality of our Aubussons if any, but merely anxious that his dog should not break her neck on the parquet. At four o'clock Mr and Mrs Owner appeared with a large and rather cowed looking black and white sheep- dog type dog and were hustled in unison. Mrs Owner said where could she change? Change? Great Heavens, surely she was not going to get into spangles and a tu-tu? But, no, it was a neat dress. The star's cowed look turned out to be nothing but pre-performance nerves—she was as strung up as a high-wire act when we thrust her and Mr Owner into the gens' cloakroom while we loosed the children into the drawing room. Then we were away, with a real hit on our hands.

And puss? While the dog sprinted gamely round the Blüthner below, keeping her flanks in limelight and hairlye Oscar, normally the most pre- garious character soured up- stairs wearing the expression of a cat who has had a canary or two in his time. He never looked to see that we were doing every- thing properly, he never put a whisker round the door. But next morning he went out very early and beat the daylight out of his harmless and deferential singar pal from across the road.

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# Are you fit to make decisions after a long air flight and two extra gins?

When I was head of the Government's Think Tank the powers that be—it would, of course, be a breach of the Official Secrets Act to mention them by name—allowed me to spend a little of my time on private activities of an entrepreneurial nature. These were not, I hasten to say, of the financial sort—that would have been a breach of Estacode, the Civil Services 77 commandments—just initiative of a personal as opposed to the Think Tank sort. This article is concerned with one of these initiatives, termed, for the benefit of Whitehall, Decision Making under Stress.

You do not need someone who, until recently, was an official or civil servant as they are often called, and who was paid inter alia to observe the behaviour of ministers, to tell you that Cabinet ministers, trade union leaders, business tycoons, senior civil servants (or officials as they are often called), financiers and generals, admirals and air marshals, not to speak of field marshals, often have to take very important decisions, sometimes soon after a long flight, over-indulgence the evening before or even the same day (those lunches), or when one has, simply, been overdoing it and could do with a day or so off.

It is, of course, very difficult for extremely busy and important people to pause and ask themselves such questions as "Am I in a fit condition to take a decision in two hours time? Will I be able to follow my colleagues' reasoning at Cabinet later this morning?" and some extremely busy and important people do not even like the idea that their powers of logical reasoning or their judgment could be a little below par. (The

word par, as I shall show, is important, even though no competitors are involved in what follows, except with oneself.) All effects of a transatlantic flight or those extra gin and tonics yesterday evening? Nonsense, I can adjust to such situations; so straight into the meeting. But can you? Do you? Of course, you do not want to subject yourself to examination by someone else and conceivably undergo the risk of—or dare I say it—the humiliation of being found to be below par. But now on that is quite unnecessary because The Times provides you today with a secret and personal do-it-yourself kit, so that in future no one need ever know why you had that meeting, or your contribution to it, derided.

The test at the end of this article (invited by A. D. Baddley of the Medical Research Council) contains a number of short sentences, each followed by a pair of letters, AB or BA. The sentences claim to describe the order of the two letters, that is to say which comes first. They can do this in several different ways. Thus the order AB can be correctly described by saying either:

- (i) A precedes B, or
- (ii) B follows A, or
- (iii) B does not precede A, or
- (iv) A does not follow B.

These are correct descriptions of the pair AB but not if applied to the other pair, BA. If you decide to test your state of mind, read each sentence 1-64 in the table and decide whether it is a true or false description of the letter pair which follows it. If you think the sentence described the letter pair correctly, put a tick in the first column headed "True". If you think

the sentence does not give you a true description of the letter order, put a tick in the second column headed "False".

This is illustrated in examples (i) and (ii) below. Having read (i) and (ii), try examples (iii) to (vi).

- (i) A follows B—BA
- (ii) B precedes A—AB
- (iii) A is followed by B—AB
- (iv) B is not followed by A—BA
- (v) A is preceded by B—BA
- (vi) A does not precede B—BA

When you start the main test, work as quickly as you can without making mistakes. You may well be able to finish the test in three minutes but whether you can or not, do not spend more than three minutes on it. (No kudos attaches to answering all the questions because you are only concerned with your own performance on different occasions.) Start with sentence 1 and work systematically through the test, leaving no blank spaces. Compare your marks at various times of the day or night, and no different occasions such as after a particularly busy week, a holiday, a long air trip, etc.

You would be well advised to do five exploratory runs during one or two weeks to get over the brief "learning period" that is improvement with practice. It is important to remember that you are not competing with anyone else in this exercise; nor is it an intelligence test in which a high score could occasion satisfaction. You now have a do-it-yourself kit with which you can examine your powers of logical reasoning

or state of mind under varying environmental conditions. Even if the types of question you have to ask yourself—and answer correctly—are of a different nature, they are all the relevant factors been taken into consideration, a satisfactory score in the AB-BA test means that you are in good shape to deal with your particular problem, and vice versa.

Did I hear you say "What happened when you tried it on ministers and senior civil servants?" I am, of course, forbidden to answer that question; but I am allowed to say that a few in both classes agreed to be guinea-pigs but, as the test requires, they kept the results to themselves.

The correct answers to the questions 1-64 are on page 12.

Answer as many items as you can in three minutes:

- True False
1. A is preceded by B—BA
  2. A is not followed by B—BA
  3. B is preceded by A—BA
  4. A is followed by B—AB
  5. A does not follow B—BA
  6. B is not preceded by A—AB
  7. B follows A—AB
  8. A precedes B—BA
  9. B does not follow A—BA
  10. B precedes A—AB
  11. B is followed by A—BA
  12. B is not followed by A—BA

13. B is preceded by A—AB
14. B is followed by A—AB
15. B precedes A—BA
16. A is not followed by B—BA
17. A is followed by B—AB
18. B is not preceded by A—BA
19. B is followed by A—AB
20. A does not follow B—BA
21. B does not precede A—AB
22. A is preceded by B—BA
23. B is not followed by A—AB
24. A is not preceded by B—BA
25. A follows B—BA
26. A is not preceded by B—AB
27. A follows B—BA
28. A does not precede B—AB
29. A precedes B—BA
30. B is preceded by A—AB
31. B does not precede A—BA
32. A does not precede B—BA
33. A does not follow B—BA
34. A is not followed by B—BA
35. B follows A—AB
36. B is not preceded by A—BA
37. B is preceded by A—BA
38. A is not preceded by B—BA

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47. A precedes B—BA
48. B does not follow A—BA
49. A is followed by B—AB
50. B is not preceded by A—BA
51. A does not precede B—BA
52. A follows B—BA
53. A is not followed by B—BA
54. A is not preceded by B—BA
55. A does not follow B—BA
56. A is followed by B—AB
57. B does not follow A—AB
58. B does not precede A—BA
59. B is not followed by A—AB
60. B does not follow A—AB
61. A precedes B—BA
62. A is preceded by B—BA
63. B precedes A—BA
64. B follows A—AB

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## Bernard Levin

### Perhaps we can build a snowman tomorrow

I shall be spending Christmas in a house—I do not name it, nor the people who live there, for such things as the happiness of that house and the friendship of the indwellers are not to be thus profaned, being in any case a mystery far deeper than words can convey—in which one year, long gone by, we had something that the rest of the country did not, and, after earnest debate, decided that we would mark the fact in a significant manner; and did, as you shall hear.

The weather was cold and raw when we gathered on Christmas Eve, and when dusk fell and the curtains were drawn only a Captain Oates would have stepped outside. The forecast promised cold on the morrow, but it needed no weatherman, come from the Air Ministry roof, to tell us that, and when we had counted the crumpets, and pronounced the supply adequate, and filled the children's stockings and laid them in the hearth, and wrapped the final parcels, and had a final drink, there was nothing left to do but to bed. It was well after two, and there was still no sign of anything to the sky but a million filtering candles. (I sometimes think what a Shakespeare contains nothing more beautiful than those four lines of Juliet's which I remember Robert Kennedy quoted in 1964 when the Democratic Party Convention paused to honour the memory of his murdered brother: "Take him and cut him out in little stars, / And he will make the face of heaven so fine / That all the world will be in love with night, / And pay no worship to the garish sun.")

### Our hostess was certain we were mad!

We delineated a vast lase, quickly divided up the labourers into bringers and packers, and lo! our snowman began to grow before our eyes. To help things go, some of us sang, and some recited, and some simply gritted their teeth and worked. I recall that for some reason the word "anorak"—several members of the party were wearing them, extracted from the amazing cupboard in which my hostess kept, and indeed kept any thing that her guests might conceivably need for any purpose—took of a mystic quality, and we began to fit it into well-known lines of poetry as:

Not anorak an anorak succeeds.  
Of ice, rolling anorak.  
The moving finger writes.  
The moving finger writes.  
Milton? Thou shalt be living anorak.  
O what a tangled anorak.  
And so on. (Our hostess, coming out to see if anybody should be ordered indoors for a bit of drink and a rest, walked into the middle of this and returned more certain than ever that we were all mad.)

The snowman rose to splendour. I darsay that the snowman, and indeed the usual trick of magnification: I am now prepared to believe that he was not 600 yards high and broad in proportion. But he was very large, and very handsome. When he was finished, we stood round him and contemplated him, well satisfied with our work. But all felt a little of some thing, and after a moment it was the innocent eye of youth that spotted what it was, and announced it. Every self-reflecting snowman has to have large eyes, a carrot for a nose and a multicoloured woolen scarf round his neck. These were found and fitted, and indeed the pool outside snowed, and I found that he was good.

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## Thirty years on with the Grand Old Man

"I told the truth", said the Grand Old Man. "I told it twice that year—in February and again in October. Tell the truth and you can trust the people to do the right thing sooner or later. My own history proves it."

We were sitting, as so often before, in the yellow drawing room at Chequers, with Louis le Brocq's arresting mural of the GOM at the helm of Morning Cloud XV. The GOM, decanter of malt whisky at his side, was looking back over the 30 years since the Quiet Revolution properly began. With the passage of time I find him more and more glib to reminisce. In old age he has become quite expansive.

As he was saying: "It was 1974, not 1970, when I really took off. Even though some people are inclined to give me credit for the earlier date, but Davies—do you remember John Davies, the lame duck?—bashed things up for me in 1970, so that we made a false start."

Of course he is right: 1974 was the watershed, with two election disasters in eight months. But for the galvanising shock—the therapy—of that double defeat he might never have fulfilled himself.

That was what fired him afresh, first to put down the insolent and illegitimate attempt to dislodge him from the party leadership, then to fight to victory in 1975, when he formed his first Government of National Unity, Cooperation, Collaboration, Reconciliation and Repentance.

The true seeds of the Quiet Revolution were to be found in that electric yet melancholy year when after a painful examination, he entirely recast his policies and in most instances reversed them. Every single achievement in his staggering record as our longest-serving Prime Minister had its origins then.

it. You would have forgotten that some members of the 1922 Committee—the so-called moderate or "firebrands"—were actually blaming me (me of all people) for our repeated defeats when, as those of us who understand these things knew at the time, the electorate were to blame.

Speaking with the emotion that one can always detect from the heaving movement of his shoulders, he went on to pay tribute to his oldest political friend, the Duke of Blackpool, formerly Lord Aldington, whose audacious tactical advice proved vital in breaking the dissidents.

"Toby was marvellous. So was Peter," (an equally happy and eloquent allusion to another of his most steadfast, indeed noble, lieutenants, the Marquis of Carlington).

"Then look at Willie White-law. He was marvellous, too, still is. Think of his bold, almost reckless, refusal to stand against me. That took courage. Willie's been the loyalist of party chairmen for 30 years now, never a blot of self-seeking."

Keith Joseph was a bit uppity," he continued, "and so was Margaret Thatcher—the Milk Snatcher as we used to call her in the old days, when she was at Education. But they were egged on by some of the extremists, I dare say. They've been very good ever since, otherwise I wouldn't have kept them in my administration to this day.

"As for Edward du Cann", he said with an indulgent chuckle, "I'm sure he likes the life chairmanship of the 1922 Committee since we made it a year when after a painful examination, he entirely recast his policies and in most instances reversed them. Every single achievement in his staggering record as our longest-serving Prime Minister had its origins then."

### 'The true seeds of the Quiet Revolution were to be found in that electric yet melancholy year when... he entirely recast his policies and in most instances reversed them'

permanence in public life, thanks partly to the introduction of 10-year Parliaments. By insisting that his Chancellor should balance the Budget (not that Mr Powell had needed overmuch prompting), handing property speculation (with life imprisonment, the irreducible penalty on conviction), winning over the trade unions (what a stroke it was to divert Lord Scanlon to the Department of Employment), abolishing VAT, restoring our old currency, cancelling Concorde and finally winding up the motor car industry, the GOM has laid an unassailable foundation for governing in perpetuity.

Nor should we underestimate the effect of a number of lesser but still socially important decisions, among them the rejection of the metric system on grounds of unfamiliarity and the decree (or ordinance, as Lord Eccles prefers to call it) requiring all museums and art galleries, public or private, to allow free access to permanent collections and special exhibitions alike, and, moreover, to provide free teas.

While most of the credit for all this must attach to the GOM himself, in some degree indebted to others, not least his old parliamentary opponent, the Earl of Huddersfield and Huxton, whose passive cooperation he readily acknowledges. But for this forbearance, the mood of contentment in the

country might not have become so firmly established.

Nor that Lord Huddersfield is idle far from it; but his prodigious intellectual energy is now entirely applied to works of scholarship.

He is politically quiescent, completely withdrawn from public life. Memoirs apart (his 25th and final volume is due next year), one will not easily forget his classic and exceedingly well received *Satire in the European Ideal*.

Nor can we overlook the absence of Mr Denis Healey and Mr Wedgwood Benn. Discontented by the GOM's spasmodic strictures on the unpleasant and unacceptable face of capitalism, to which they had become attracted in the light of ministerial experience, they emigrated with Mr Peter Walker to Cincinnati, where Mr Benn (or Lord Stangate, as he is again known) had valuable family connections.

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at the new RSC—the Eye-catching Royal Satirical Company.

An impressive catalogue, you may think. Yet the GOM is still accused of not bringing people forward and the charge rather rankles with him. "It's simply untrue", he says. "Look at my administration. I brought Peter Tapsell in a good 15 years ago. He's Parliamentary Secretary at Transport, I think, responsible for the revival of the electric trolley bus, you know. Then there's Nigel Lawson. He's still working away on his blueprint for Northern Ireland. You're familiar with his Judicial theory, I dare say."

The GOM paused, replenishing our glasses and calling for chocolate biscuits (an old addition) which his butler, Hurd, brought in at the double. "There are others, too", he said. "Offhand I can't remember who they are, but I do know them. I've spoke to them myself more than once."

Like all my encounters with the GOM it had been a moving occasion. Throughout our conversation, we had been listening to Beethoven's Variations on See the Conquering Hero (all 12 of them, op 157), played over and over again from the loopy gallery. As the GOM rose, I knew that he wished to be alone in the music room to play for himself, as he does every night on one or other of his splendid Steinways, the same composer's *Step Over a Lost Penny*, op 129.

Ever since the inflation, which he at first took to heart, as a reflection on himself, he has been attached to this lesser-known condo for piano.

I slipped away. In the ball I ran into his man of affairs, Commander Tucker, and the chamberlain, Captain Wolf. As they were assisting me into the GOM's Lamborghis (quite unnecessarily, I may add: Kitson the chauffeur and Baker the footman were perfectly capable of managing on their own) I was touched to hear them say that they have been saying for 30 years now, that he is still at the very beginning of his powers.

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## The Times Diary

### An easier quiz for a crisis holiday

12. What parties did the following peers leave and join in 1974: (a) Lord St Davids, (b) Lord Calhoun, (c) Lord Belhaven?
13. Whose embassy has the highest flagpole in Bangkok?
14. Which former chief of staff of the IRA won a Nobel Peace Prize this year?
15. What did Dr Una Kroll, Vanessa Redgrave, Eric Morley of Mecca, the Marquess Douro and Robin Young of the Diary have in common this year?
16. Which British mammals (a) spread from saliva over their spines, (b) have voracious appetites and tails which serve as built-in telephones?
17. In Meadowland, who were (a) the rabbits, (b) the squirrels, (c) the hedgehogs, (d) the bats, (e) the moles.
18. What is the Danish for?
19. What images would you have seen on the screen at the showing of the film *Hurlerment en faveur de Sade*?
20. How many zebra crossings are there in Loodoo's royal parks?
21. How old was Charles IX of France when he became the country's junior real tennis champion?
22. What is a lagerphone?
23. What happened to the mile on May 19, 1954?
24. What is the feminine of fraternal?
25. What status (AB, C1, C2 or DE) have (a) a chartered accountant, (b) a data processing manager's wife, (c) a compositor, (d) a sales representative, (e) a shop assistant?
26. Who edits (a) *The Economist*, (b) *The Daily Express*, (c) *The Morning Star*, (d) *The Times*?
27. Can you name the Christmas come?
28. What is Tago-Sato-Koska?
29. Who was Matthew Flinders?
30. What title do Walter Cornelius and Vasily Alexeyev both claim?
31. How many hours were there in St Patrick's day, 1974?
32. Who composed the *Grimm's Fairy Tales*?
33. Which is the more economical: (a) pyrolysis or hydrolysis, (b) burial or cremation, (c) wine auctions or Fortnum and Mason?
34. What from Bhutan can smell of roses or be played on a gramophone?
35. What was the Black-faced Welsh rarebit?
36. What is wrong with High Commissioner in London do in the 1948 Olympics?
37. How much did Harrod's charge to gift-wrap a picnic basket—£3, £4, £12, £15? (Two answers are correct).
38. Why did three-quarters of the members of the Countryside Commission leave their seats?
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40. Which of the following does not exist: Overseas Anonymous; the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Mushrooms; the Red Suspender League; the Convicts' Association for a Good Environment; the Braconia Society; the Center for a Woman's Own Name; the International Grooving and Grinding Association?
41. Of which country did Nicos Georghiadis become President during the year?
42. What are boondogglers?
43. What do our initials PHS stand for?
44. Who said: (a) "Yes, I'm a real old Cockney. I was born in Cadogan Gardens"; (b) "I have been raising my price in accordance with Phase Three"; (c) "I never promised you a rose garden"; (d) "We have the fastest court in the West"?
45. Where were Conservative Central Office's "Puritan First" adverts made?
46. What was wrong with Prince Edward's kill at his sister's wedding?
47. Who owns the copyright of J. M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*?
48. What is the German for (a) crab, (b) shrimp, (c) crayfish, (d) haddock?
49. What did Sir Joseph Bazalgette provide for London?

### ANSWERS

12. (a) Lord St Davids, (b) Lord Calhoun, (c) Lord Belhaven
13. The Embassy of the United States
14. Lord St Davids
15. The Guinness Book of Records
16. (a) the platypus, (b) the echidna
17. (a) the rabbit, (b) the squirrel, (c) the hedgehog, (d) the bat, (e) the mole
18. The Dannebrog
19. The Hurler
20. 100
21. 10
22. A telephone
23. The mile was redefined
24. A sister
25. A chartered accountant, a data processing manager's wife, a compositor, a sales representative, a shop assistant
26. (a) The Economist, (b) The Daily Express, (c) The Morning Star, (d) The Times
27. The Christmas come
28. Tago-Sato-Koska
29. Matthew Flinders
30. The title of a chess player
31. 19 hours
32. The Grimm's Fairy Tales
33. (a) pyrolysis, (b) cremation, (c) wine auctions, (d) Fortnum and Mason
34. The Thangka
35. The Black-faced Welsh rarebit
36. The High Commissioner in London
37. £15
38. The Countryside Commission
39. The Countryside Commission
40. Overseas Anonymous
41. Greece
42. The United States
43. The PHS stands for the Public Health Service
44. (a) Yes, I'm a real old Cockney. I was born in Cadogan Gardens; (b) I have been raising my price in accordance with Phase Three; (c) I never promised you a rose garden; (d) We have the fastest court in the West
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46. The Conservative Central Office
47. The Prince of Wales
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RESOURCES OF THE SPIRIT

Today Pope Paul VI inaugurates the twenty-fifth Holy Year to be celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church.

A Holy Year magnifies the place of Rome in the Christian Church, and by extension the papal primacy.

They will take more encouragement from the emphasis Pope Paul has been placing in his preliminary exhortations on the purposes of interior renewal and reconciliation of man with God and man with man.

COMMAS DO MATTER IN DIPLOMACY

When western political leaders meet Mr Brezhnev they find themselves pressed to say something optimistic about the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

A similar pattern has been repeated this month. After Mr Brezhnev's visit to Paris the joint communiqué contained a little of the Russian, with a little of the American, and a little of the French.

These differences have a number of causes. One of them is the tendency of political leaders to become impatient with the long rangles over minute points of phraseology which hold up the Geneva negotiations.

Treatment of dissidents

From Mr Lea Ben Dor. The misleading quotation from the Jerusalem Post of November 8, 1974, in a letter signed by Lord Oxford and Asquith and others which appeared in The Times of December 5, has only just been brought to my notice.

I am truly amazed that the noble and totally fails to recognize irony when he meets it; we tend to consider it an English speciality. By putting me out of context, Lord Oxford entirely reversed the sense of the reference I made to Dr Israel Shahak, an Israeli chemist who has been sharply attacked for his political support of the PLO terrorist organization.

less than for the children of light, to cultivate interior resources when exterior resources are becoming more difficult to command.

The springs of individual action are not, however, simply continuous with the springs of collective action. Organizations exhibit institutional drives which work to some extent independently of the personal drives of its members.

Acquisitive drives are deeply institutionalized in politics, commerce and organized labour. These collective activities proceed as if the competitive enlargement of consumption were the proper order of things.

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understood as instrumental to his needs. The second suggested that human rationality and ingenuity could convert the resources of the planet to man's satisfaction virtually without limit.

A theology of nature of that kind is no longer entertained at any except a popular level. And the direction in which the sciences now point is away from a conception of the natural world as providing material for endless exploitation and towards recognition of the complexity and instability of natural systems, in relation to which man is to be seen not as a superior beneficiary but as an integral part.

The attitudes which might fit this emerging understanding of modern man's predicament on earth are beginning to be shared by the discerning; while those who have held fast to the spiritual values of the Christian faith or absorbed the wisdom of the perennial philosophy have never been out of touch with these things.

Meanwhile many citizens, aware of the penalty of that failure, feel frustrated in their generous impulses to make some voluntary personal sacrifice for the common good.

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Increases in top salaries

From Mr Ian Gow, Conservative MP for Eastbourne. Sir, By common consent, we are facing our gravest economic crisis ever.

Yet the Prime Minister chose the last day of 1974 to announce in a written answer, that from the first day of the New Year, the salaries of generals, admirals, air chief marshals and under-secretaries will go up by nearly £60 a week, before tax.

However justified these increases might be in normal circumstances, their implementation at the present time reveals a lack of understanding of the national mood and an ignorance of the whole psychology of leadership which is deeply disturbing.

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Farm worker's lot

From Mr Wilfrid E. Cave. Sir, Farmworkers were "notoriously underpaid" claimed Mr Bortini of the National Union of Agricultural Workers in his letter to you (November 28).

Mr Rampton refutes this in his letter today (December 18) and claims a salary of around £2,000 per annum. So far as this part of the country is concerned Mr Rampton seriously understates the existing position.

I calculate that the wage award effective from January 20, 1975, will add not less than £350 per annum to a man's gross earnings and in the case of stockmen, the figure will be much higher.

Without them farmers would not be shielded from the harsh realities of the open labour market. That is why they fight tooth and nail to retain control over them and those who dwell in them.

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County Court bailiffs

From Mr M. R. Turner. Sir, The Law Society opposes the County Court Bailiff system being extended to the High Court.

What reply they do not go further and request the Lord Chancellor to extend the High Court enforcement procedure to the County Court.

To say that the service provided by the Bailiffs, who are charged with enforcing County Court judgments, is "unsatisfactory" is the understatement of the year.

I am not alone in the legal profession in thinking that there is something rotten in the state of the County Court bailiff system, and the sooner it is abolished in favour of an enforcement procedure with teeth, the better.

Editors and the closed shop

From the Secretary of State for Employment.

Sir, Since you persist in misrepresenting in your columns both the purpose and possible effects of the Government's Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, and since, in your glibly partisan, you continue to portray me as the demagogic agitator engaged in the assault upon your fair queen, the freedom of the press, perhaps you will permit me to remove these alarms and thereby, by the way, to thank you for your over-Christmas from superfluous apology.

First of all, it is just not true that the Bill proposes to introduce, much less encourage or enforce, closed shops in the editorial departments of newspapers. The Bill is neutral on that subject. What our Bill does in this particular is to remove the Industrial Relations Act 1971's "unfair" dismissal clause about proposed union membership agreements which we have devised for this purpose will, we believe, be both workable and flexible.

Perhaps instead of misleading your readers by reports covering so many other aspects of the issues affecting a free press, you might have related what happened in this country prior to 1971. This is the horrific state of affairs which we propose to restore.

I appreciate that it may be argued that, within the newspaper industry, as in many others associated with white collar workers, there may be an intensified desire to preserve the closed shop membership. So be it. I trust it will not be regarded as a sinister confession if I say that, as a Labour Minister, I can hardly be expected to throw legal hurdles across that road of development.

Raising money to restore cathedrals

From the Rev N. Allen Birtwhistle. Sir, So the appeal for funds to restore Canterbury Cathedral is being attacked with arguments similar to those that have been used against the restoration of the Chapel.

While the cathedral is by far the more ancient, beautiful, and important building, the two have one other thing in common: each is regarded as the mother church of a world-wide communion.

Perhaps it is an appropriate time of the year to ask whether mothers are really necessary. Man is born of woman, even in this age of technology and equality, and man is born again in the church. Those gifts, in support of works of mercy, that we would acknowledge to be the more deeply felt than in those buildings, which, by their beauty, convey His grace and peace.

How much poorer and more sordid would have been our lives down the centuries if these places had ever been built, with sacrifice, to His glory. And how much we need that vision now.

Yours faithfully, ALLEN BIRTWHISTLE, Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, EC1.

City and British Leyland

From Mr G. F. M. P. Thompson. Sir, Dear Mr Roger Marsh (December 12) appreciate that the problems of industrial enterprises have different causes calling for different remedies?

A financial institution uses savings to finance assets. It runs into difficulty when these assets, however good, cease to be realizable within the time span of the financing institution's resources. Another institution having more durable resources can provide a remedy.

An industrial enterprise meets difficulty when its product can no longer be sold at a price which covers its cost. There may be a host of reasons for this, rising costs, restricted prices, unimaginative design, import management or intractable labour. Against these financial help is no remedy; it may even make matters worse.

A government may decide to transfer the burden of an unprofitable enterprise to the country as a whole by creating the funds necessary to keep it in being regardless of the inflationary effects. It is in fact these funds which transfer the burden to the public. A financial institution cannot do this. Nor can it take the burden on its own shoulders because its prime responsibilities are to its creditors, its customers, its employees and its shareholders.

Yours faithfully, GERALD THOMPSON, Chairman, Kleinwort Benson, 28, Fenchurch Street, EC3.

workers has decided to try to obtain a closed shop, each employer is entitled to deal with this as he wishes with an order union claim—by negotiation or outright rejection. It is also open to an employer and a union to decide on specific provisions—for example, specifying existing employees from any requirement to join a union or allowing time for new recruits to join—and to write in any extra specific unions which are to be recognized.

However, if it is further argued that it is not the projected law which arouses your concern, but the general mood and atmosphere in Fleet Street and the rest of the industry, I am ready to agree. How freedom is not merely to be protected but to be enlarged; what is to be the status of editors and other some agreed acknowledgment of that status can be incorporated in union membership agreements, if negotiation establishes the desirability of those agreements; how the code of the journalists and editors' proprietors' scarcely less eloquent professions are to be translated into practice, are all questions of supreme importance, and it was for this reason that I greatly welcomed both in conversation with the General Secretary of the National Union of Journalists and in the House of Commons the general secretary's initiative in proposing talks with the editors and proprietors on these topics. These talks, I believe, and must, could achieve what no law could achieve—an assurance that a strengthening of trade unionism would be combined with an enlargement of individual freedom.

It is precisely because of these hopes that I was saddened when the Fleet Street editors who met me again last week appeared to suggest that they might not favour these talks if it had not been agreed in advance to enforce by law what I believe may be most difficult, or even impossible, to enforce. That would surely be a sour response to a helpful initiative, and I trust the editors will come to see the mischief of it; after all, others besides editors and proprietors have a right and a duty to discuss how these essential issues shall be well served and enhanced. But if this interpretation of the editors' view is correct, I trust, Sir, you will use your influence to persuade them to think again, and I trust also that in making this suggestion I will not be accused, as I was at the meeting, of being a "closed shop" editor. Fleet Street editors were not unanimous in the opinions they pressed upon me. On the contrary, I admired their trade union solidarity, even though I felt that it derived from a mistaken understanding of our Bill.

Yours etc, MICHAEL FOOT, Department of Employment, 8 St James's Square, SW1, December 23.

British Rail and the art market

From Mr J. E. Humphrey. Sir, I go with Geraldine Norman and Mr Ray Buckton (December 21) in questioning the investment antics of the British Rail Pension Fund in conjunction with Sotheby's.

For my part I would lock up the trustees over the festive season in a room stuffed with fake ikons, plastic gnomes, elephant-foot umbrellas, stands, Monarchs of the Clan painted by numbers and souvenirs of Margate made in Hongkong. And, Sir, their guests would be those latter-day materialists who used to compile the ghastly array of digits known as The Times-Sotheby Index—that speculators' yadumecum which, mute on all criteria save price, and about as sensitive to beauty and craftsmanship as a mechanical calculator, is a good deal responsible for this sort of patronage of the arts. One's only fear is that the aesthetic sensibility of bosts and guests is probably so immune from offence that the treatment would be painless.

Yours faithfully, J. E. HUMPHREY, 41 Offington Gardens, Worthing, Sussex.

From Mr W. Leggatt Robinson. Sir, While not presuming to question the conclusions of your Sale Room Correspondent in her article of December 21, I beg to suggest that the 1925 purchase of a Gainsborough was not quite such a good example as she suggests. If Lord Duveen had put the £70,000 into War Loan 5 per cent (later 3½ per cent) instead, the stock would have yielded about £125,000 in dividends in steadily depreciating currency and he would now be worth £14,350 against the Gainsborough's current value of £300,000.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully, W. LEGGATT ROBINSON, Sunfold, Lewins Road, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Broadcasting watchdog

From Lord Willis. Sir, Mrs Mary Whitehouse's demand that the BBC should open its books, raises an interesting point about her organization The National Viewers' and Listeners' Association. Will she, or its behalf, make a reciprocal gesture and tell us a little more about its financial structure and organization? The questions that come to mind are as follows:

- 1. Just how many members has the association?
2. Does she include in the figures of membership the total membership of all the organizations that may be affiliated to the association?
3. How is it financed?
4. Who are the other members of the committee and how are they elected?
5. How are the elections arranged? For example, are there nominations for the post of honorary general secretary and is there a ballot for the position?

Mrs Whitehouse has managed to secure a great deal of publicity for herself in recent years and now emerges at the drop of a bat to promote the cause of the television and radio on behalf of the association. It seems only reasonable, therefore, to ask that we should know for whom she speaks and the basis on which the association is run.

Yours faithfully, WILLIS, 5 Shepherds Green, Chislehurst, Kent.

Old tube stations

From Councillor Joan Russell. Sir, May I clarify a point made in a letter in your columns from Mr Richard G. Russell (December 4) London Transport (December 4) which stated that planning permission was still awaited for the greatly needed improvements at Gloucester Road tube station. This council granted planning permission in November, 1973, for an excellent scheme for redevelopment of this almost empty site, which included some offices, shops, extra housing and a contribution to the modernization of the Underground station.

There is a prospective tenant for the office building. The application was referred to the GLC for planning permission in December, 1973. We are becoming increasingly frustrated and annoyed at the GLC's ill-considered attitude that the office development over the Underground station is excessive and that the developer should contribute more to the modernization of the tube station. The cost of running the railway line runs into millions of pounds but the GLC continue to insist that the developers contribute more and that this tube station is not on a "first priority" list in any case. Thus the whole area remains derelict, dirty, ramshackle and degraded.

Twisting property owners' tails and trying to squeeze out more and more, in this case the highly reputable Legal and General Assurance, is becoming a dangerous sport and this application further illustrates the need either for the abolition of the GLC or a drastic reorganization and a reduction in their destructive and stultifying powers of interference.

Yours faithfully, JOAN RUSSELL, Chairman, Town Planning Committee, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Town Hall, Kensington, W8.

Functions of a university

From Professor Percival Allen, FRSE. Sir, A university is primarily a research institution. Secondly, it provides thereby an environment where students serve their intellectual apprenticeships. Thirdly, a university is a major source of service and advice in the public sector.

These three functions are inseparable, and it becomes indistinguishable from a polytechnic or a research institute. Weakening of the universities would clearly endanger the reservoir of fundamental and "strategic" understanding on which government and industry need. But equally this would seriously erode the "Invisible Civil Service" that pervasive network of policy-making, management, etc, so heavily dependent on the unpaid services of academics. Their unstored labour would have to be replaced from somewhere, and properly rewarded for the first time.

Yours faithfully, PERCIVAL ALLEN, Geography Department, University of Reading, Reading, Berkshire.

From Mr Andrew Abdell. Sir, Mr J. B. Turner snappily observes in his letter (December 18) that "since London Transport adopted the convey system, a bus has been lost", but it is equally fair to say that many have been missed.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW ABDELL, 11 Gray's Inn Square, WCL







Rugby Union

Even higher honours beckon as Cotton is appointed leader

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
From Cotton, the Curlew, Lancashire and British Lions prop...



Wordsworth: confidence in his potential should boost his morale.

Stevens' back stria and Ralston's...
The fact that their party includes five forwards...

Boyle comes in for Scottish tour

By Peter West
For those rugby followers who may think that the focus of the tour...

Spin on a wearing pitch gives England best hope of victory

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Melbourne, Dec 23
If so far as they can be, after their experiences of the first two...

Rackets

Nicholls joins elite tonian club

Our Rackets Correspondent
Mark Nicholls (Malvern) became a third player to join the elite...

Football

A West Ham ready to talk turkey

By Gerry Harrison
Boxing Day football matches have always had a special appeal...

Squash rackets

A repeat 3-1 success for Pakistan

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent
The Pakistan team's 3-1 success...

Cricket

A bonny fighter who must not be dropped

From John Woodcock
Adelaide, Dec 23
MCC finished six runs short of victory over South Australia...

Boxing Day fixtures

Table listing Boxing Day fixtures for various sports including football, rugby, and hockey.

Skill takes second place to determination

By Norman Creek
Public Schools FA Youth XI 2
When he presented the cups at the schools six a side tournament...

Schools team to meet FA Youth XI

The Amateur Football Association (home counties) schools team...

Latest snow reports

Table showing latest snow reports for various regions including Norway, France, and Italy.

Ludlow results

Table showing Ludlow results for various events including chess and other sports.

Third division

Table showing Third division football results for various teams.

Rugby Union

Table showing Rugby Union club matches and other fixtures.

Hockey

Table showing Hockey fixtures and results for various teams.

Advertisement for The Pool Promoters Association, Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, featuring Littlewoods-Vernors Copes-Zetters-Empire.



SPORT

Racing

Forecasting Soothsayer to follow home Pencil Clear Cut can never be left out of the reckoning

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
Pencil will become the first horse to win the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park three times if he is successful there again on Boxing Day. When he won it last year he equalled Hallenbeck's and Mandarin's feat, having won it the year before as well.

who did after all beat the Dikler by five lengths to win the Gold Cup at Cheltenham in March, as Pencil lay prostrate on the ground, having been brought down by High Ken three fences from home.

However, Captain Christy did not do at all well on his only previous visit to this country this season, and in the circumstances, I am inclined to think that anyone contemplating a sporting bet could do much worse than forecast Pencil to win from his stable companion, Soothsayer.

The conditions of the race certainly suit Soothsayer who is due to receive 1 lb from Pencil, Captain Christy and Royal Relief and weight, too, from High Ken whom he beat at Cheltenham in November, when he was actually giving High Ken 15 lb. Obviously Captain Christy will be a tough opponent for Pencil if he is at his best. After all, he did win six steeplechases including the Gold Cup last season. But he also left a lot to be desired at Cheltenham earlier this month, when he finished last but one in the Masey-Ferguson Gold Cup.

Soothsayer had run an excellent race at Cheltenham a month earlier, carrying 12 st into second place in the Mackeson Gold Cup. He had High Ken just behind him at the end and he meets that horse now on 2 lb better terms. Royal Relief is a good horse on his day, as he proved when he won the National Hunt two-mile Cheltenham Steeplechase again at Cheltenham in March. But he has not run well in three races this season and it is difficult to fancy his chance.

Comedy of Errors has been declared to run in the William Hill Christmas Hurdle, but only as a safeguard against anything preventing him from travelling to Ireland for Friday's Irish Sweeps Hurdle. Incidentally, since contemplating having a bet on Boxing Day should be their guard, if at all, for the year that trainers are allowed to declare their horses for one or more races at different meetings.

In the absence of Comedy of Errors the William Hill Christmas Hurdle is likely to be won by Tree Tangle who, after Lazzarini and Comedy of Errors, is arguably the best hurdler in this country. Tree Tangle has now won six of his last seven races, three last season and three this, and there are grounds for thinking that he

ought to have won the seventh as well, had not Andrew Turvell taken things too easily at Newbury when he was caught unawares by J. King on Flash Imp.

Kempton Park programme

Table listing racing programmes for Kempton Park, including 12.45 MISTLETOE STEEPLECHASE (1577: 2m), 1.15 HOLLY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 2512: 3m), 1.45 WILLIAM HILL CHRISTMAS HURDLE (1:19.50: 2m), 2.50 COUNTY RANGE HURDLE (5-y-o: £932: 2m), 3.20 BOXING DAY HURDLE (Handicap: 5680: 2m).

Wolverhampton programme

Table listing racing programmes for Wolverhampton, including 12.30 OLDBURY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £442: 3m), 1.0 NETHERTON HURDLE (1542: 2m), 1.30 HARRY BROWN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £883: 2m), 2.0 DEEPFELDS STEEPLECHASE (1540: 2m), 2.30 WALSALL HURDLE (1542: 2m), 3.0 WREKIN HURDLE (1542: 2m).

Huntingdon programme

Table listing racing programmes for Huntingdon, including 12.30 ST IVVO HURDLE (Handicap: Notice: £204: 2m 1f), 1.0 BOXING DAY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £374: 2m 1f), 1.30 THRAPSTON HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2m), 2.0 PEPSY STEEPLECHASE (Notice: £340: 2m 100yds), 2.30 PORT HOLME STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £374: 2m 100yds).

Newton Abbot programme

Table listing racing programmes for Newton Abbot, including 12.30 SOUTH WEST HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £340: 2m 150yds), 1.0 MID DEVON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £340: 2m), 1.30 CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Handicap: £272: 2m 150yds), 2.0 WEST COUNTY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £461: 3m 100yds), 2.30 SOUTH DEVON HURDLE (Handicap: £510: 2m 5f).

Kempton Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
12.45 Corriehill, 1.15 Star Pearl, 1.45 Tree Tangle, 2.50 Pencil, 2.50 Present Arms, 3.20 TAMMUZ is specially recommended.

Wincanton programme

Table listing racing programmes for Wincanton, including 12.30 SPRING CORN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £374: 2m), 1.0 LEVY BARD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £508: 3m 1f), 1.30 JOE CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE (Handicap: Qualifier: £982: 2m), 1.55 JOE CORAL HURDLE (Handicap: £983: 2m), 2.30 TANTIVY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £374: 2m 5f), 3.0 STIRRUP-CUP HURDLE (Novice: 6-y-o: £204: 2m).

Wolverhampton selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.30 Near and Far, 1.0 Corriehill, 1.30 Vultovan, 2.0 Winalf, 2.30 ZETA'S SON is specially recommended, 3.0 Complivity.

Sedgefield programme

Table listing racing programmes for Sedgefield, including 12.45 HARDWICK HURDLE (Handicap: £204: 2m), 1.15 BRADBURY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 3m 250yd), 1.45 MORDON HURDLE (Div I: £204: 2m), 2.15 ROLL CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 2m), 3.15 MORDON HURDLE (Div II: £204: 2m).

Huntingdon selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.30 Call Me King, 1.0 Dallydale, 1.30 Date, 2.0 Last Crack, 2.30 Even Sail, 3.0 Concealed.

Market Rasen programme

Table listing racing programmes for Market Rasen, including 12.30 MUCH OBLIGED HURDLE (Handicap: £170: 2m), 1.0 ACCURATE HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o Novices: £340: 2m), 1.30 BRUCE CARR STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £680: 3m), 2.0 ACCURATE HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o Novices: £340: 2m), 3.0 HAVER-CARE HURDLE (Novices: £340: 3m).

Newton Abbot selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.30 Call Me King, 1.0 Cleo Baby, 1.30 Angel Ahead, 2.0 Plus lutz, 2.30 Never Worry, 3.0 Gode For A Burton.

Wetherby programme

Table listing racing programmes for Wetherby, including 12.30 BRADFORD HURDLE (Div I: Novice: £204: 2m), 1.0 YORK STEEPLECHASE (1534: Novice: 2m), 1.30 BICKERTON HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 2m), 2.0 ROWLAND MEYRICK STEEPLECHASE (E3,008: 3m 100yds), 2.30 ACCURATE HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o Novices: £340: 2m), 3.0 BRADFORD HURDLE (Div II: Novice: £204: 2m).

Wincanton selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
12.30 Phillip the Bold, 1.0 Highland Abbe, 1.30 Mac's Birthday, 2.0 NEON STAR is specially recommended, 2.30 Land Lark, 3.0 Mama Roux.

Sedgefield selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Call Me King, 1.15 Donnell, 1.45 Straight Lemon, 2.15 Wyse Hill, 2.45 Chariot, 3.15 Breakaduck.

Market Rasen selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.30 Blaway, 1.0 Marsall Ki, 1.30 Drumador, 2.0 Hilda's Hurricane, 2.30 Bravely Lad, 3.0 Merry Crow.

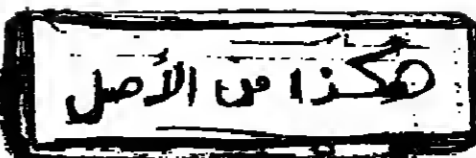
Wetherby selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.30 Rustic Prince, 1.0 EASBY ABBEY is specially recommended, 1.30 Greystock Rambler, 2.0 Clear Cut, 2.30 Young Somers, 3.0 Wylam.





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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

Requests for state aid pour in as pressure on costs and profitability intensifies

By Maurice Corina Industrial Editor. The queue of industrial companies seeking state assistance is growing sharply as a result of the intensifying pressures on costs and profitability.

This huge surge in requests to the Government for taxpayer help comes on top of the much-publicized cases of a handful of companies seeking Section 8 assistance, ranging from Alfred Herbert in Ferranti and British Leyland.

The surge in calls to Whitehall for special loans and interest relief grants under Section 7 of the Industry Act. Here financial assistance may be given if companies can argue that taxpayer help will provide, maintain, or protect employment.

Settlement likely in US air rebates row

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent. A settlement now appears to be in sight in a long-standing United States investigation of illegal rebates paid by a number of large foreign airlines to travel agents.

Go-ahead for Lonrho's Sudan sugar project

By John Woodland. Lonrho, the Pan-African trading conglomerate, has been given the go-ahead for its \$180m (£77m) sugar project in Sudan. It is claimed it will be the largest single sugar estate in the world.

Mr Varley decides to wait as garages ignore the 10p limit

By Edward Townsend. The Department of Energy is not yet considering the reimposition of price controls on petrol despite the fact that garages throughout the country have ignored government pleas not to increase prices by more than 10p a gallon.

Sindona bank faces interest rate inquiry

From John Earle Rome, Dec 23. Several Italian public corporations are involved in allegations that Banca Sindona, a member of the collapsed Sindona group, paid secret, supplementary interest rates on their deposit accounts with the bank.

Cut in oil imports aids France

A drop in oil imports in November substantially helped France's foreign trade position for the month, according to a small surplus on an adjusted basis, official sources said.

Glimmer of hope in Courtaulds dispute

A glimmer of hope emerged in the Courtaulds dispute at Grimsby yesterday when Mr Percy Brewer, Courtaulds' works manager, said that he was willing to meet the unions at any time.



Adelaide SE fines director of Poseidon

From Our Correspondent Adelaide, Dec 23. Mr Norman Shirlaw, whose name was most frequently linked with the Poseidon share boom four years ago, has been suspended for three months by the Adelaide Stock Exchange.

Clamp down on forged trans-Europe permits

By Clifford Webb. Scotland Yard is being supported by the Department of the Environment to stop British haulage companies using forged international permits to transport goods across Europe.

Car output in Europe continues to decline

Paris, Dec 23.—French motor industry exports weakened only slightly in the first 11 months of 1974, while production declined 5 per cent in volume and new car registrations dropped 13.9 per cent during the same period.

Aluminium output up

Primary aluminium production in the non-communist world rose by 7.3 per cent last month over November, 1973, to 15,000 tonnes, the International Aluminium Institute reported yesterday.

EEC calls for shares ban in French takeover battle

Paris, Dec 23.—The Paris Stock Brokers Association has suspended trading in Marine-Firminy shares following intervention by the Commission of the European Economic Community, the association said today.

Mr Michael Posner to join Treasury

Mr Michael Posner (above), lecturer in economics and chairman of the faculty board of economics and politics of Cambridge University, and fellow and director of studies in economics at Pembroke College, has been appointed deputy chief economic adviser to the Treasury.

GM 'disagrees' with finding

Antwerp, Dec 23.—General Motors Continental said today that it strongly disagrees with the European Economic Community Commission finding that its Belgian unit violated competition rules in the EEC.

Italy cuts bank rate to 8pc to boost exports and jobs

Rome, Dec 23.—Italy's bank rate will be reduced to 8 per cent from 9 per cent, the Treasury Ministry announced today. The change will take effect from Friday.

Ceremony for first platinum assay hallmark

The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths is inviting 800 manufacturing jewellers and silversmiths to Goldsmiths Hall on January 27 to witness the marking of the first pieces of platinum tested by the London Assay Office under the new Hallmarking Act.

Nigeria oil to IMF

The International Monetary Fund has completed arrangements to borrow credits worth \$20m from Nigeria to help to finance oil credits to other countries. The World Bank has also borrowed \$240m from Nigeria at 8 per cent interest.

Nation Life liquidator granted extension

An extension to run Nation Life Assurance as a going concern for another three months has been granted to Mr Gerry Weiss, the liquidator.

Arab eyes on Borel

Paris, Dec 23.—The French hotel group is negotiating with Arab interests who are considering associating themselves with the group's activities and possibly taking a share stake.

Kuwait has liquidity problem

Despite earnings about \$8,000m from oil revenue in 1974, Kuwait has faced a liquidity shortage since May, say financial sources. This has meant a cutback in lending by banks and a fall in share prices.

Money supply figures clarified

Because of errors in the Bank of England money supply statistics, published on Monday, it was necessary to withhold our regular table. Following clarification of the official figures the table now appears below.

NCB chief promises miners top place in wages league

By David Young. Sir Derek East, National Coal Board chairman, yesterday told miners in Scotland that he had increased coal output but hoped that the target of 120 million tons being produced in the year ending in March can be reached.

Italian output drops

Confindustria, Italy's national association of manufacturers, said in a report published yesterday that industrial production in Italy in the fourth quarter would be 4.2 per cent below that of the same 1973 period.

Keyser Ullmann profit well down in half year

Profits of Keyser Ullmann Holdings, the merchant banking group, were "substantially less" in the half year to the end of September than those in the corresponding half last year.

How the markets moved

Table showing market movements for various commodities and currencies, including Rises, Falls, and The Pound.

On other pages

Table listing appointments vacant, financial news, wall street, unit trust prices, market reports, share prices, bank base rates table, and company notices.

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Car output in Europe continues to decline

Paris, Dec 23.—French motor industry exports weakened only slightly in the first 11 months of 1974, while production declined 5 per cent in volume and new car registrations dropped 13.9 per cent during the same period.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes appointments vacant, financial news, wall street, unit trust prices, market reports, share prices, bank base rates table, and company notices.

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A FINANCIAL PANTOMIME

Babes in the Wood OR Great Britain on Ice

Act I, sc 1:

The curtain rises on a scene of primeval gloom. The time is the beginning of the three-day year 1974, and the whole stage is plunged in darkness and despair. Enter the Babes, bearing flickering (imported) candles.

BABES: "Oh woe! Woe, woe, oh woe are we. Thus plucked to dark and penury. We thought to climb the index high To Treasure Islands in the sky; But as we climbed Inflation roared About its roots, where money poured To feed our growth, but fuelled its greed— Reducing us to present need. For as we clung, stock shortages then Beset our quivering bean-stalk; when Supplies of money dried and sank. It gasped 'Liquidity!' and shrunk. So here stand we, our backs near bare— Portfolios in tatters there. By Frozen Dividends we're chilled, By fierce Inflation well-nigh killed. We hope for rescue and repair— Yet fear attack and feel despair."

Sudden cries of bottle. Enter victorious army from the Left, with King Harold at its head. HAROLD: "Why shiver here in darkling wood? A Labour draught will do you good. The Blues are gone. We'll make all bright. Go! End the strikes! Let there be light!" As the curtain falls the headlights go up and instantly freeze again.

Act I, sc 2:

The babes are still bewitched, their miserable belongings shrunk even smaller. Enter Denis the Menace, who rushes up to the Babes, embracing them with mock affection.

THE MENACE: "Why Babes! What's this? You're frightened sore, But shadows of yourselves of yore. Come to my arms—no need to shriek! (Aside, to audience) I'll squawk! The little dears! They've money yet— Transfers of capital I'm set To tax away. I'll clinch the squeeze With surcharges on companies. I'll act on ACT and milk 'em dry. What of Inflation? He roars high— I'd best pretend to wear him down With fiscal fusillade and frown— But I'll not starve the heat in haste; We might lay my constituency waste!"

DRAMATIS PERSONNAE:

- The Babes
Big Benn
Denis the Menace
Widow Twankey
The Teddy Bears
Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
The Mad Hatter
Poore Dennis of Mediden
King Harold
Dame Threadneedle
Uncle Relever
AND
Making his first ever stage appearance
Sir Loan Ryder on the Pantomime Horse - NEB



Exit Denis the Menace, stage left. THE BABES: "O! the days when bulls roamed, frisking through the land, all fortune risking On tip, or rumour, or pique! Then for dividends fast growing— Cover strong and prospects glowing— None like Twankey's Laundry! 'We wash it Whyter'—was To her clients' ecstasy. Come! We'll comfort find at Twankey's Chinese Laundry."

Act I, sc 3:

Triumphal entry to Twankey's Laundry. WIDOW: "I've your shirts, I've your deposits, I'm authorized, babes, don't you see? But all is lost, for all is over At Widow Twankey's Laundry— lies our route? Our shirts are gone, we're destitute! Oh, where to turn? Whom to entreat? Our last resort: Threadneedle Street." As the Babes nervously approach Dame Threadneedle's residence, there comes the sound of a rumpus in nearby Throgmorton Street. CHORUS OF BEARS: "If you come down to the Stock Exchange, you're in for a big surprise. That was a secondary!— Go! Tap stocks are off, and much too low"

For every bear that ever there was Is at the Stock Exchange, because This is the year the teddy bears have their picnic! If you need quick relief today, we'll offer you breakfast and bed. It's a capital way of taking a loss, and it's yet to be hit on the head. And every bear that ever there was

Attributed to: Adrienne Gleeson Margaret Drummond Anthony Rowley

Is at the Stock Exchange, because This is the year the teddy bears have their picnic! "Oh! we must flee the Bears and seek aid from Dame Threadneedle; she is safe and staid" over said warning sounds (off).

Act II, sc 1:

At Dame Threadneedle's. The Dame, with cronies, sits knitting. DAME: "Away! Be off! I've sought for you. I'm knitting here with Grandm's Pru As dread Sir Kenneth Corpe chops down The bankruptcies and spivs of Town. That was a secondary!— Go! Tap stocks are off, and much too low"

Supplies of money dribble through. BABES: "Alas! alas! what shall we do?" DAME: "Away! You'll never whine or wobble Your way around stout Dame Threadneedle!"

Act III, sc 1:

Babes mend their sod way through the City of London. Shed tears here, good reader, for fresh pearls await them. Enter Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves (alias the OPEC horde).

ALI BABA, etc (To the tune of "A Bicycle Made for Two"): "Babies, babies, come and recycle, do. We'll buy assets, and sing desert songs in lieu. Although at Tehran you fought us, We've oil for troubled waters. And we'll C.U., whatever you do, for as far as it goes to. Babies, babies, come and recycle, do. London blocks from you. As capitalists we look funny, And we ain't so keen on your money, But just Kuwait, we've got a date, with Dame Threadneedle, too. Babies, babies, come and recycle, do. It may sound crazy, but we're being nice to you. For the loan of Emir £2 billion You can jump, sud we'll dance a cotillion And ring the till, for our interest will inevitably accrue."

The end seems high. Enter (as if inspired) the Pantomime Horse "NEB". On his back is Sir Loan Ryder. SIR LOAN RYDER: "Whoa! Noddy! Whoops! That should be Nebby!" (Aside to audience) "Well, they're all from the same stable, aren't they?" ALL: "All hail! the saviour of the hour appears! He'll Mirror all our woes and soothe our fears." Press on, Sir Don, instruct us in the ways By which we'll win through to more affluent days. SIR LOAN: (emphatic silence).

Final Curtain Will the Babes survive? Will Big Benn strike again? Will Sir Loan come a cropper? Extra copies available from The Times Business News: one petrodollar each.

Act IV, sc 1:

Babes, in jinal desperation, stumble upon the Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Westminster. Out of his magic cabinet (now you see him, now you don't) steps Big Benn, shadowed by Uncle Relever who looks unconcerned.

BIG BEN: "In for a penny, in for a pound. I like scattering largesse round." BABES: "Oh! Give them back! They're our possessions." BIG BEN: "Who dares to challenge my obsessions?" BABES: "There's Aunt Nancy, a framed beauty Sold to meet her estate duty. Cousin Billy's pits and lands. And his wreny kruggerrands Have gone to meet his CGT. And Daddy's stake in BAC is worthless now it's come unstuck —He thinks it should be broken up. For who needs cars with such inflation?" BIG BEN: "I do—if I'm to save the nation. I'll wrench it from disaster's brink..." BABES: "He's kleptomaniac, we think." Enter Poore Dennis of Meriden on his half-finished NVT (Not Very Triumphant) motorcycle. POORE DENNIS: "I'm Ferrarist, I need cash. You promised it..." ALL: "Oh! That was rash!" POORE DENNIS: "Enough of you, your trouble's mine. We stand to lose, go to the wall. Our orders hover, cash funds sink In debt we're at the very brink— Oh! lead us hence, for here you lead..." BIG BEN (softly): "I'm sick of this" (Full voice): "Off with his head!" King Harold enters absent-mindedly. HAROLD: "Weevils here, weevils there, weevils everywhere!"

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Business News Christmas Quiz

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2. Which is Britain's most efficient company as measured by return on capital employed? a. Fluor (England) b. J. Coral (Holdings) c. Roche Products
3. How many nationalized industries lost money in 1973-74? a. One b. Five c. Seven
4. Which is biggest in terms of sales? a. "Shell" Transport and Trading b. Standard Oil of California c. Nippon Oil
5. Which British bank trading mainly overseas makes the most profit? a. Lloyds Bank International b. Standard and Chartered Banking Group c. Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
6. Which is Germany's biggest chemical company? a. Bayer AG b. BASFAG c. Farbwerke Hoechst AG
7. Which is biggest? a. The British Steel Corporation b. August Thyssen Hütte AG of Germany c. Nippon Steel
8. Who is the major shareholder in: a. Consolidated Tin Smelters b. Marks and Spencer c. Toner Kemsley & Millbourn (Holding)
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FINANCIAL NEWS

European ban on beef and veal imports topples

J E Sanger midway profit

Dropping short of its prospectus forecast in the year to March 31, interim figures for meat traders J. E. Sanger for the six months to September 30 slumped heavily—thanks to the total ban on beef and veal imports into the EEC.

Sime Darby's \$5.5m disposal

Sime Darby has accepted offer from the Glendon Corporation for its Woodward Dickerson subsidiaries, deal in fertilizer and allied products. Glendon is controlled by Mr. Wurster, president of Woodward & Dickerson, based Philadelphia.

Samuel Props' sails trimmed

Samuel Properties, which earlier this month announced a £42m funding operation for its major developments, disclosed in its annual report that year-end net assets were down from 107p to 81p a share. This largely reflected a revaluation of the group's United Kingdom investment properties at £32m—some £7.3m below former book value.

Midland in new consortium

In its latest venture, the Midland Bank has taken a 15 per cent stake in Banque Europeene Pour l'Amerique Latine, which has been established to take the place of Banque Italo-Belge—the main shareholders of which were Societe Generale de Banque, Credito Italiano, and Credit Suisse.

Loss by Polly Peck

Because of a deficit from the property division, Polly Peck Holdings, the asset value is also 2p a share.

Issues & Loans

A £7.3m line of credit has been arranged for Glendon by Helsinki with the backing of Export Credits Guarantee Department. The deal has been arranged by Lazard Bros and is the first of its kind between a British bank and Rauvaranki since 1958.

French DM issue

Caisses Nationale des Autorites de France will shortly issue DM100m seven-year loan, with proposed coupon of 9 1/2 per cent. The issue price has yet to be set by co-managers—Westdeutsche Allgemeine Girozentrale, Deutsche Kommunalbank-Deutsche Girozentrale.

Another trust repays loans

New York & Garmore Investment Trust has joined the growing number of trusts repaying loans. It has arranged repayment of £2m of sterling deposit and \$6.5m of dollar loans, leaving respectively £2.75m and \$7m of loans outstanding.

Answers to the Christmas Quiz

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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

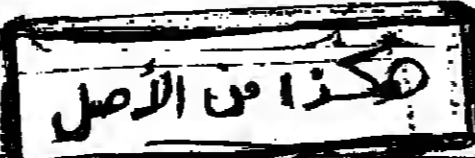
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4 The Court's broke! (4-3)
5 Dangerous bull on Norfolk Roads? (7)
6 Very full agreement by the sound of it (4)
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8 They are likely to pocket the issue (10)
12 Think it's no accident (10)
14 Beats by bowling strength (10)
16 Biblical scholar, bluff, seen bathing in Herford (8)
18 Herb's divine article (8)
19 Fell in gravity giving form to thole-wound baby (7)
22 Right leg is broken, getting salmon (6)
24 To which the booked fish dance? (4)

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